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Plastic bags, water bottles, beer and soda cans, paper plates and other debris left behind by Fourth of July parade campers and revelers litter stretches of Beach Road yesterday afternoon, a sad reality after every major festivities on island.

IN DISAPPEARANCE OF CLUB MANAGER

Caller allegedly demanded \$100,000 ransom

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Saipan Tribune sources in the Chinese community have disclosed that the family of missing disco club manager Qi

Run Li had received a ransom demand for \$100,000 cash, shortly after Li was first reported missing.

Li's family reportedly received the random demand from an unidentified person, who called the family on the phone.

The caller, however, did not call back, possibly after learning that Li's family had reported the matter to the police on June 8, the morning following his disappearance, sources said.

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By **HAIDEE V. EUGENIO**
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A House and Senate conference committee is now drafting a new austerity bill that will revive the twice-defeated proposal this year to shut down government offices every other Friday to cut government costs—a measure that lawmakers say is likely to pass this time to avoid another payless payday.

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Eight schools' licenses to accept foreign students expire

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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The permits and certifications of eight schools that accept foreign students recently expired and they would not be allowed to enroll foreign students unless they renew and complete the requirements.

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Betel nut, oral cancer pilot study for Saipan, Guam now underway

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A betel nut and oral cancer pilot study will be conducted on Saipan and Guam beginning this year. The study hopes to gather baseline data to develop protocols for studying oral precancerous lesions and other health risks among betel nut users in Micronesia.

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Local

Volunteers pick up trash during LibDay Parade

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As community members gathered along Beach Road to participate in the fun and excitement of the Fourth of July parade, a group of kindred spirits endured the sweltering heat to pick up trash along the parade route while the celebration was going on.

Led by Joe Kaipat of the Division of Environmental Quality, volunteers for the second annual post-parade cleanup brigade of the Beautify CNMI started out at the Star Water

parking lot next to the National Office Supply and walked along the parade route, picking up a total of 20,000 lbs of trash along the way and up to the Liberation Day grounds across Kristo Rai Church.

One of the volunteers, acting executive director Abe Utu Malae of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., said that there were four CUC personnel who signed up with DEQ to help pick up trash during Liberation Day.



Malae

Malae, who hails from American Samoa, said one thing he observed was that spectators who camped out along the parade route looked after their own trash.

"People here are very clean. They always clean up after themselves, which is a good thing," he said.

Volunteer Heidi Yelin, manager of CUC's water laboratory, said that, while many of the trash she collected were from the Liberation day watchers, some of the litter was pos-

sibly from before the parade.

Yelin, who already collected three bags while halfway through the route, also observed that many parade viewers with tents provided their own trash bags.

According to Beautify CNMI, the parade cleanup group collected 20,000 lbs of trash that filled their disposal bin stationed at the Star Water parking lot.

Beautify CNMI expressed their appreciation to Star Water, Artman for the 200 garbage bags, and to Saipan Ice & Water, which donated water and ice for the cleanup volunteers.

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A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority
Tourism is everybody's business.

Adopt-a-Bin Project Aids Tourism



Marianas Islands Nature Alliance (MINA) is working to keep island beaches clean for both residents and visitors with their Adopt-a-Bin project, which has placed 10 sets of mixed waste recycling bins at popular beaches and other locations on Saipan over the last several months.

MINA aims to prevent trash from becoming marine debris that pollutes shores and surrounding waters, posing a significant risk to marine life from entanglement, ingestion, and smothering.

The public is encouraged to use the bins at Wing Beach, Obyan Beach, Laolao Dive site and picnic beach, Sugar Dock, Kili Beach, Garapan Fishing Basin, 13 Fishermen Monument, Susupe Beach Park, and Marine Beach. Another set of bins is to be added to Garapan Fishing Basin and a new set will be placed at the Ada gym.

Companies interested in adopting a bin to pay for weekly trash collection services may contact 233-REEF or kathyjuk@gmail.com. Learn more about MINA's marine debris reduction project by visiting their website: www.minapacific.org and clicking on the Goals and Projects page.



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Fitial said he will sign nuclear power bill into law

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said he will immediately sign into law a bill that would allow a small modular nuclear power reactor to be built in the CNMI, as part of his administration's push for the use of eco-friendly and alternative sources of energy.

House Bill 17-38, introduced by Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), passed the House on June 18.

The bill is now at the Senate for action. As of yesterday, there has been no scheduled special Senate session.

Rep. Francisco Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), chairman of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications, told *Saipan Tribune* last week that the CNMI needs to explore alternative sources of energy, adding that the "CNMI cannot continue to purchase foreign diesel fuel."

He said once Torres' bill becomes law, the CNMI could allow small modular nuclear reac-

tors not only on Saipan but also on Rota.

"It will not cost the CNMI a dime if these small modular nuclear reactors are built here by Hyperion. They will set it up and they will become an independent power producer. The idea is for the CNMI to pay less for energy," Dela Cruz said.

Fitial said once the Legislature passes HB 17-38, he will sign it into law "in order for the Commonwealth to secure the necessary U.S. funding for the impact studies and tentative U.S. approved installation of small modular nuclear power reactors in the CNMI."

HB 17-38 seeks to amend the Nuclear and Chemical Free Zone Act of 1983 "in order to meet the public demands for more environmentally friendly and much cheaper power generation for the years to come and for the next generations of young CNMI residents."

As early as April, Fitial had been briefed about New Mexico-based Hyperion Power Generation Inc., which has built refrigerator-sized modular nuclear reactors.

Two months later on June 14, Hyperion signed a memorandum of understanding with Alternate Energy Holdings Inc., to begin a joint venture between the two companies to license, build and market Hyperion's refrigerator-sized modular nuclear reactors worldwide.

The power module, dubbed one of the most recent innovative products to be built, has limitless applications and could fuel a huge variety of important facilities including hospitals, desalinization plants, emergency facilities, industrial parks, factories, military bases, and even small towns for many years.

Fitial, in an April 28 letter to Hyperion Power Generation Inc. vice president for business development James Jones, conveyed his "sincere interest" in Hyperion's modular nuclear power reactor products.

"The concept of a safe, eco-friendly and economically viable power solution for our islands sounds most promising," Fitial said.

The governor said the CNMI is being adversely affected by

its dependence on costly foreign fossils, and in turn it has dampened business prospects and development in the CNMI.

"Furthermore, the quality of life here in the islands has been upset by staggering power bills, along with environmental problems with oil spills," said Fitial.

Besides modular nuclear power reactors, the CNMI is also

looking at geothermal power as an alternative source of energy for the islands, especially in these times when the cost of fuel has been steadily increasing and the government is having difficulty paying its utility bills.

Fund board OKs home loan program; \$1 million set aside for revolving fund

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To generate additional revenues for the NMI Retirement Fund, the board of trustees has approved the implementation of a home loan program, setting aside a \$1-million revolving fund for future loans.

Fund board chair Sixto Igisomar disclosed that the board initially approved the concept of opening the home loan program three months ago.

It was disclosed during Thursday's meeting that a short-term payment scheme is being considered, ranging from six months to one year.

The trustees are convinced that the program would help minimize drawdowns in its investment fund as interest from the loan could be used to cover the Fund's financial shortfall.

In May alone, the Fund withdrew over \$4 million from its investment funds to pay for pension obligations to members, according to Fund deputy administrator Richard Villagomez.

The Fund's administrators were instructed to start preparing all the requirements for the new program to be launched. No date was set for its official start.

The Fund has four local investments at present, helping it realize some revenues for its operational costs. These include the Commonwealth Employee Government Credit Union, the Member Home Loan Program, the Judicial Building loan, and the Group Health Life Insurance.

Among these local investments, the \$13.8 million loan to the Judiciary is behind in its payments for the past several months and will be in default earlier than expected.

'Revising budget a bad practice'

Board of trustee Francisco Rosario has opposed a move to revise the Fund's approved annual budget, describing it as not a "good practice."

Igisomar had sought the other trustees' opinion on the recommendation to amend or revise the agency's budget for Fiscal Year 2011.

Rosario pointed out that the Fund has the authority to reprogram funds "internally" so as to avoid revising its budget.

"For me, revising the budget [for the current fiscal year] is

not really a good practice... because the department has the authority to reprogram," said Rosario.

During the meeting, it was recommended to the board to approve the revised appropriation for this fiscal year because of some accounts that were not considered in the final FY 2011 budget, which was earlier adopted by the trustees.

These "un-factored" accounts relate to the increased rate implemented by Aetna Global in December last year as program carrier for the Group Health Life Insurance.

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Karidat: House of Manhoben 2010 Youth Summer Program'

It is that time of the year! Summer has kicked in and the Karidat's House of Manhoben 2010 Summer Program is in full swing. Starting July 12, 2010, the House of Manhoben Summer Program will continue its tradition in providing youths the educational life skills activities that they will enjoy. The summer program will consist of many sports activities and courses such as junior leadership class, mother read program and CPR certification by Red Cross. So parents, if you want your child to have fun and still achieve educational lessons then come down to the Karidat: House of Manhoben Youth Center and register now! Registration Fee will be \$10.00 per activity. Volunteers will be greatly appreciated!

Registration begins on July 6, 2010, Tuesday to Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:



CANOEING

Monday, 9:00am to 11:00am
Ages 10 - 17 years old
Have fun and tone your muscles in the sun. This is the time to learn techniques of paddling.



JUNIOR LEADERSHIP COURSE

Monday
11:30am to 1:30pm
Ages 6 - 17 years old



VOLLEYBALL

Monday, 2:00pm to 4:00pm
Ages 10 - 17 years old
Fundamental aspects of the game will be taught. Girls will be challenged to "Bring It".



UKELELE

Wed and Fri, 8:30am to 9:30am - Ages 6 - 17 years old
Learn to play the ukelele so you can start strumming your favorite tunes. Basics of ukelele will be taught. Participants need to provide ukelele.



BASKETBALL

2:00pm to 4:00pm
Ages 10 - 17 years old
Learn the basics and fundamentals of one of the most exciting sports today. Basic concepts of Basketball will be shared, ability to have fun required.



BOWLING

Wednesday and Friday, 10:00am to 12:00pm
Ages 8 - 17 years old
Get on roll with the "Bowl". Learn the basic rules and techniques of bowling.



BEAD MAKING

Tuesday and Thursday
8:00am to 9:00am
Ages 6 - 17 years old
Gear up to learn the steps of creating one of the most popular traditional works of art



MOTHER READ PROGRAM

Wednesday
1:00pm to 2:00pm
Ages 6 - 17 years old



DANCE

Tuesday and Friday
9:00am to 10:00am
Ages 6 - 17 years old



SWIMMING

Wed and Thur, 2:00pm to 3:00pm - Ages 10 - 17 years old
What's summer without fun in the water? If you can't swim, now is the good time to learn and if you can swim, now can be a time to get more tips and have fun in the water.



ARTS AND CRAFTS

Tue and Thur, 10:30am to 11:30am - Ages 6 - 17 years old
Get in the creative mood and learn how you can get crafty with things lying around at home. Be prepared to be inspired and motivated.



SOFT BALL

Friday
2:00pm to 4:00pm
Ages 10 - 17 years old

First Friday Films draws a crowd to AMP Visitors Center

By DENCIO MANGLONA
STUDENT INTERN

An excited hum filled the American Memorial Park Visitors Center Friday last week for the start of the First Friday Film series, a new program that aims to showcase environmental films every first Friday of the month.

Friday's kickoff featured *Black Wave*, a feature film about the 20-year legacy of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska.

Department of Environmental Quality employee Aric Beckel, one of the

individuals responsible for introducing the film series, was ecstatic over the first film's turnout.

"We came up with the idea for the project after the success of our Environment Awareness Month. ...We held some screening of environmental movies here at American Memorial Park and they've done really well. We thought that this would be a great thing to kind of extend...every month and invite people out for a movie and a quick discussion afterwards."

Black Wave drew a full auditorium and stirring discussion following

the movie when guest speaker Brian Beardman gave the audience a detailed breakdown of the nature of the recent Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Beardman was followed by Marvin Seman from DEQ, who brought the issue down to a local level.

"It's really important because we're an island...we should know about the ocean, fishing, tides, and other stuff like that," said DEQ intern Oilang Maui, "It's important to know how we can prevent more damage."

First Friday Films is a promising and

informative monthly meeting where the public can watch an environment-based film and meet fellow activists at the same time. There are opportunities to talk of ideas before and after the film and it was suggested that there would

be guest speakers present whenever possible.

The First Friday Film series is an initiative of the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance, together with the CNMI Division of Environmental Quality.

LICENSES

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Saipan Tribune learned that these eight schools include Brilliant Star Montessori School, whose permit expired on Feb. 28 and is apparently no longer interested in renewing its permit.

Emmanuel College, a postsecondary practical nursing school, also let its permit expire in March this year and has yet to renew its license.

Gualo Rai-based Eucon International School is also among those without a new permit after its certification expired in October 2009.

The Marianas Language Technological Institute in Chalan Laulau also let its permit expire in January this year and has yet to secure a new one.

The Northern Marianas Academy's permit expired in November last year, while Sister Remedios Early Childhood lost its certificate in January this year. Both institutions have yet to in-

form the Department of Commerce whether they intend to renew their permits or not.

Navy Hill-based Whispering Palms School and Kairo's University also had their certificates expire. Kairo's permit expired in January this year while Whispering Palms School let its certification lapse in February.

According to Commerce, many of these institutions are either not interested in renewing their permits or not eligible to get a new one. Some of them are also in the process of completing the requirements for a new application.

Saipan Tribune learned that there are 24 schools in the CNMI that were previously allowed to accept foreign students. The eight schools with expired certifications are included on this list.

Saipan Tribune learned that the permits of the 13 other institutions are about to expire this month. These include Agape Christian School, Calvary Christian Academy, Eucon International College, Grace Christian Academy, International Business Professional

College, Ladera International School, Northern Marianas College, Saipan American Foundation School, Saipan Community School, Saipan International School, Seventh-Day Adventist School, and University of Loyola. These institutions are expected to work on their renewals.

Two institutions were denied certifications—Excelsior High School in Dandan and Wiki University in Garapan.

The Marianas Baptist Academy, meantime, did not apply for a certificate.

According to regulations, the certification from Commerce reflects only the institution's authorization to accept foreign students who are present in the Commonwealth or seeking entry to the Commonwealth under a foreign student entry permit. The approval or denial of certification by Commerce has no effect on the institution's accreditation by the Board of Regents or other academic or vocational accrediting authority.

SHUTDOWN

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Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said the proposal to close non-critical government offices every other Friday will only apply to the remainder of Fiscal Year 2010, which ends on Sept. 30, and a separate measure will have to be passed for FY 2011.

"As chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, I am pushing for the bill's introduction as soon as possible," Basa told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said the conference committee on his House Bill 17-45, which seeks to cut work hours by eight or from 80 to 72 hours per pay period, is also looking at passing a revenue-generating bill.

"Either we pass the bill concurrently, or pass the austerity bill first then the revenue generating bill," said Basa.

As early as February this year, Basa had already told his colleagues that the longer they put off acting on austerity measures, the lesser these measures become effective in preventing further deficit and payless paydays.

On June 18, many government employees experienced a payless payday due to a cash shortfall.

'No savings, only cost-cutting'

Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian), also a member of the conference committee, said the austerity bill will not result in any savings, but will only reduce government spending.

"If the 72-hour bill is the only way to prevent another payless payday, then

I recommend passing the bill. But the bill excludes unpaid holiday," he said in a phone interview yesterday.

There is only one remaining legal holiday before the end of FY 2010: Labor Day on Sept. 6. Cruz said the committee excludes this from being an unpaid holiday.

Exempted from the soon-to-be-revived austerity measure are agencies providing 24-hour critical services, including many units at the Commonwealth Health Center and the Department of Public Safety.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said that, while the Fitial administration had hoped for such a legislation months ago, it certainly welcomes and supports legislation that is aimed at reducing government expenditure.

"Certainly, the implementation of austerity measures has long been heeded by the administration. Nonetheless, we are pleased to see that the legislature is now addressing the contentious issue of imposing austerity measures. We believe that if there is a concerted effort to reduce government expenditure, we will soon be able to stabilize our financial challenges," Demapan said yesterday.

'Better than payless paydays'

Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan) said yesterday that passing an austerity bill is better than experiencing another payless payday just like on June 18.

"I think the bill will pass this time... I don't think lawmakers would rather see payless paydays than have austerity Fridays," he said.

Since May 23, only excepted service employees and gubernatorial employees under the Executive Branch have

been subjected to a 10-hour work reduction or 12.5-percent salary reduction per pay period.

All other government employees and officials have not been made to share the work hour cuts.

Rep. Trenton B. Conner (R-Tinian) said "considering the past series of events and ungraded government workers already taking cuts in their hours, it [austerity bill] might pass to make it applicable across-the-board."

Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) said senators requested several information from Finance Secretary Bob Schrack "and we need it before we act on any austerity issues."

"However, during the public hearings we did on all three islands, people request every-other-Friday off rather than the current system of 70 hours," Torres said yesterday.

Torres was referring to HB 17-45's proposal to reduce government work hours by one hour in the morning.

Under the proposal, work hours will be from 8:30am to 4:30pm, instead of the regular 7:30am to 4:30pm.

The House passed the bill, but the Senate amended it to remove the work hour cuts; in lieu, it proposed to raise taxes and fees. The House rejected the Senate version, and a conference committee was formed.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said the reduction in work hours is necessary to cut expenses and to avoid payless paydays. The government's projected revenue has been revised to \$137 million from \$148 million for the rest of FY 2010, but expenses continue to be at \$150 million.

The budget deficit was at \$17 million in the first six months of 2010 alone.

BETEL NUT

From Page 1

University of Guam epidemiologist Dr. Yvette Paulino, co-leader in the pilot study, will work with Dr. Suzanne Murphy from the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii in the pilot study.

In a presentation to members of the Commonwealth Cancer Association last week, Dr. Paulino disclosed that oral cancer is the sixth leading cancer worldwide, but ranks in the Top 3 cancers in countries where there are betel nut/areca nut chewers.

Betel nut, she said, is apparently a misnomer. The nut itself is more accurately called "areca nut" and "betel" refers to the leaf that is sometimes used with the nut. "Betel quid" refers to the mixture of nut and leaf.

The three-year pilot study aims to collect information on betel nut/areca nut use among 300 study participants in Guam and on Saipan and members of their families.

In the course of the study, oral examinations and biopsies will be performed as needed, health risks will be measured, and associations of duration, frequency, and type of betel nut/areca nut use with oral pre-cancers and health risks will be studied.

Dr. Paulino said that betel nut/areca nut is considered a human carcinogen. She revealed that betel nut chewing has been shown to be associated with asthma, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, metabolic syndrome, and obesity. In Guam, Paulino said betel nut chewing has shown to be associated

with these diseases.

Activities for the pilot study this year include logistics, oral screening workshop, recruitment and data collection.

In 2011, the investigators are slated to continue the recruitment and data collection and analysis.

Reporting for the findings of the study is scheduled in 2012.

Saipan Tribune learned that CCA's board president, Alex Sablan, submitted a letter of support for this pilot study sometime last year, and received notice in March this year that the project had been fully funded. The primary role of the cancer association in this project will be to assist the researchers in the areas of community outreach and awareness on Saipan.

Incidence rates in Micronesia

In the same presentation, Dr. Paulino disclosed that the incidence rate of oral cancer is higher in men than women.

In Micronesia, incidence rates vary: Five for every 100,000 Chuukese; 10 per 100,000 for Guam Chamorros and Pohnpei; 10 per 100,000 in Guam Micronesia, Palau, and Republic of the Marshall Islands; and 20 per 100,000 people in Yap.

Dr. Paulino also emphasized the following determinants of oral cancer: tobacco, smoking, heavy alcohol use, infection, history of oral cancer, diet and betel nut use.

Data from Dr. Paulino's study indicated that up to 600 million people worldwide chew betel nut and that it is commonly chewed in African, Asian, and Pacific countries. Its usage may vary by gender.

CALLER

From Page 1

Saipan Tribune called the victim's family on Saipan yesterday for comments about the ransom issue, but no one answered the phone.

Saipan Tribune also contacted police spokesman Eric David yesterday, but he did not reply to the message requesting for comments.

Yesterday marked the third week of Li's mysterious disappearance.

Li's family has offered a \$20,000 cash reward to anyone who could provide information as to his whereabouts.

Li is the manager of King's Disco on Beach Road, Garapan. The club opened only a couple of months ago.

Sources said Li comes from a wealthy family in China and that his sister is on Saipan, while his brother is in California.

Sources said investigators were able

to verify information that the *Saipan Tribune* earlier exposed about Li's apparent involvement in the recruitment of about 40 to 50 people from China to come to Saipan prior to federalization in November 2009.

The recruited people were allegedly recruited on a promise that they would get "green cards" when federal agencies take control of local immigration. Each person paid Li the equivalent of \$10,000, sources said.

Li was reportedly last seen driving his silver 2004 Toyota Corolla with license plate ADJ-932 on the evening of June 7 toward the vicinity of Gold's Gym in China Town.

Li had apparently received a call on his cell phone from a customer requesting taxi services.

Police found Li's car the following day, June 8, abandoned in the parking lot of a building formerly occupied by Shirley's Restaurant along Middle Road in Chalan Laulau.



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 9th birthday
Royce Angelo Ben!
May the good Lord
continue to bless
and guide you.
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much. Greetings
come from your
sisters Rane and
Roxy and your
Tatay and Nanay.
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19 percent decline noted in June's vehicle sales

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REPORTER

After a whopping 81 percent increase in new vehicle sales in May, automotive dealers reported a 19 percent drop in sales in June but this still puts the year-to-date figures at a healthy 58 percent increase from a year ago.

The Commonwealth Auto Dealers Association sold only 34 new cars, vans, trucks and sport utility vehicles in June compared to 42 during the same month last year.

However, between January and June, total vehicles sold reached 310, a 58-percent increase from only 196 during the first half of 2009.

CADA president Douglas Brennan, general manager of Microl Corp., earlier said that CADA does expect sales for the second half of 2010 "to be as strong" as the first half.

Triple "J" Motors' 72-percent plunge in sales in June overshadowed the 20 to 22-percent gains of the two other deal-

ers that resulted in an overall 19-percent drop in sales in June.

Microl Corp., the authorized dealer of new Toyotas and Chevrolets, sold 18 units in June, a 20 percent increase from 15 last year during the same month. For the first half of the year, Microl Corp. sold 149 units, a 71-percent increase from the same period last year.

Joeten Motors sold 11 units of Nissan, Ford, Honda and Kia, a 22 percent increase from the same period in 2009. This brings to 102 the total number of vehicles that Joeten Motors sold between January and June, a 92-percent increase from the first six months of last year.

Triple "J" Motors sold only five new vehicles in June, a 72-percent decrease from 18 in June 2009. Triple "J" Motors, the authorized dealer of new units of Hyundai, Mitsubishi, Isuzu, Suzuki and Mazda, posted a year-to-date sales of 59, a 5-percent increase from last year during the same period.

CNMI consumers bought

Teen burglar gets 149-day prison term

The Superior Court has imposed a 149-day jail term on one of two men accused of burglarizing an Internet shop in Afetnas last January.

Associate Judge Perry B. Inos sentenced Terrence C. Cabrera to six months in prison, all suspended except for 149 days, for criminal mischief, with credit for the 149 days he had already served in jail.

This means 18-year-old Cabrera will no longer spend time in prison. He was, however, placed on five years supervised probation and required to pay a \$500 fine, \$25 court assessment fee, plus probation fee.

Cabrera was also ordered to perform 100 hours of community service.

A review hearing on July 28, 2010, will determine whether Cabrera is complying with the conditions of his sentence.

CUC employee sues company, staff for injuries in collision

A Commonwealth Utilities Corp. employee has sued a company and its staff for the injuries he allegedly suffered in a vehicular collision last year.

Romel Sambilay sued Dial Rent To Own (Saipan) Inc. and its staff, Jesse Markub Babauta, for negligence.

Sambilay's wife, Ginalynn, also joined in suing the defendants.

The Sambilay couple, through counsel Victorino DLG. Torres, asked the Superior Court to order the defendants to pay them damages, attorney's fees, and court costs.

Torres stated in the complaint that on Sept. 10, 2009, Sambilay was a passenger on the back of a pickup truck when the vehicle was suddenly sideswiped

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Cabrera and Julian M. Sablan with criminal mischief, burglary, theft, and conspiracy to commit burglary.

Cabrera and his lawyer, Eric Smith, signed a plea agreement with the government. He pleaded guilty to criminal mischief. The remaining charges were dismissed.

The case arose from an incident on Sept. 10, 2009, when Cabrera and Sablan stole five computer monitors and three computer modems from an Internet café owned by Si Young Yi. The suspects sold the items to a store in Koblerville.

Sablan was convicted in June 2009 for his involvement in many burglary cases on Saipan, including one at Victory Chapel. He has other pending burglary cases. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

by a Dial Rent to Own vehicle being driven by Babauta.

Torres said the collision caused Sambilay to be thrown out of the truck. Upon impact, the lawyer said, Sambilay sustained a fracture, abrasions to the arm and contusions on his left knee.

"Plaintiff Romel suffered traumatic experience, immediate shock, numbness, excruciating pain, and suffering," Torres said.

Torres said that Dial Rent To Own failed to properly maintain the vehicle, causing the vehicle to collide into plaintiff's vehicle.

Torres said that, at the time of the collision, Babauta was acting in the course and scope of his job with Dial Rent To Own. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

more cars than any other type of new vehicles in June. CADA sold 18 new cars, eight new SUVs, seven trucks, and one van.

Toyota Corolla was not only the top car of choice, but also the most saleable new vehicle in June.

In the car category, Toyota Corolla sold the most in June, followed by three Toyota Yaris, and two units each of Kia Soul, Mazda3, and Toyota Camry. CADA also sold one unit each of Honda Accord and Hyundai Genesis CP.

Nissan Rogue sold the most SUV in June with four units, followed by Toyota Highlander with three, and Mazda CX7 with one.

Among trucks, Ford Ranger

sold the most with four units, followed by Toyota Tacoma with three.

Only Mazda5 was the only van sold in June.

CADA also sold 21 used or secondhand vehicles in June,

bringing to 141 the total sold so far in 2010.

Triple "J" Motors sold the most number of used vehicles in June with nine, bringing its year-to-date sales to 48.

Joeten Motors came in sec-

ond with eight used vehicles sold, bringing the January to June sales at 55.

Microl Corp. sold only four secondhand vehicles in June, bringing its year-to-date sales to 38.

Palau to reopen Saipan consulate this year

Palau Minister of Natural Resources, Environment and Tourism Harry R. Fritz said the Palau Consulate on Saipan will reopen this year, and at a new location.

Fritz said the consulate may now be located in Garapan near the Commonwealth Health Center, and no longer at its former location in Susupe.

Fritz, who was here during the June 23 to 25 13th Micro-

nesian Chief Executives Summit, said the Palau government needs some \$50,000 a year to operate a consulate. He said there's funding already set aside for the consulate's reopening.

In January, Palau President Johnson Toribiong said he will reopen "as soon as possible" the Palau consular offices on Saipan and Guam to be funded under a supplemental Fiscal

Year 2010 budget as a result of fresh infusion of direct financial assistance from the United States to the Pacific country.

The Palau Consulates on Saipan and Guam closed on Dec. 31 due to funding constraints.

He said he also received letters from Palauans on Saipan and Guam, urging him to do the best he can to reopen both offices. *(Haidee V. Eugenio)*

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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-082

"REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF ROOF FOR GTC ELEMENTARY, TANAPAG ELEMENTARY, GARAPAN ELEMENTARY AND OLEAI ELEMENTARY"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting sealed bids for **Repair/Replacement of Roof for GTC, Tanapag, Garapan, and Oleai Elementary School** on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Scope of Work and project package are available beginning on June 29, 2010 Pacific Quick Print for a fee of \$38.90.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on July 16, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at PSS Conference Room, 2nd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend this pre-bid conference. Questions may be submitted in writing to Fax No. (670) 323-1075 or emailed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at lizb@emchen.com no later than July 22, 2010, 4:30p.m.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked **"IFB 10-082"** containing one (1) original with three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 9:00a.m., local time, August 2, 2010. If no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be publicly opened at 9:00 a.m. local time, August 6, 2010 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room, NMI Retirement Fund Building.

Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 9:00 a.m. local time on August 6, 2010 and may be transmitted via fax to (670) 664-3791 or email to robert.florian@cnmipss.org. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than August 6, 2010 and must be received no later than August 17, 2010 in which case all bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m., August 19, 2010

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/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

Broken railings pose a hazard on Mt. Tapochao

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

The highest peak on Saipan, Mt. Tapochao, is remembered by many for the superb, panoramic view of Saipan that it offers from its pinnacle. Over the years, thousands of Catholic faithful have trekked its rock-strewn path during Good Friday to commemorate Christ's death on the cross.

However, this tourist site's reputation has already been compromised because of its rundown railings and the neglected garbage all over the vicinity.

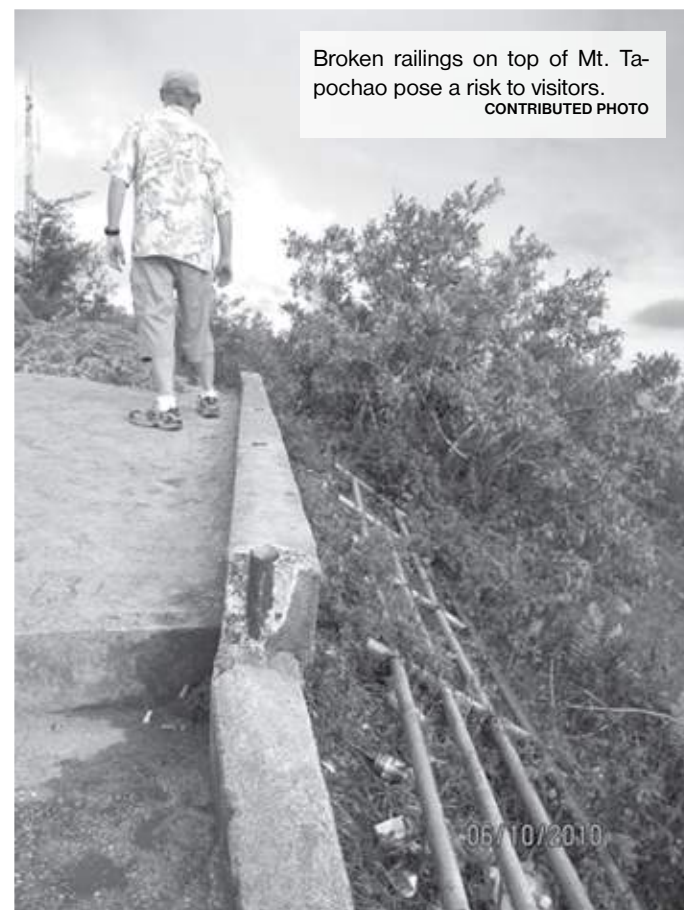
Concerned members of the community informed *Saipan Tribune* about the current state of affairs on Mt. Tapochao.

These community members complain about the safety railings that badly need repair and the scattered trash that remains to be collected.

A concerned citizen said he felt "ashamed and embarrassed" when he brought visitors from Houston, Texas to Mt. Tapochao last June 10.

He said there was lots of garbage in plain sight and there were no safety railings going to the statue of Christ.

"This whole area is a disgrace to all of us," said another troubled civilian, especially since Saipan takes pride in having



Broken railings on top of Mt. Tapochao pose a risk to visitors.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

"one of the best scenic views."

One concerned citizen described the condition of Mt. Tapochao as "very deplorable," citing the seriousness of the situation since Mt. Tapochao has now become unsafe to visit.

"The state of disrepair and neglect gives a very poor impression to visitors... I am very

sad that this very important historical site has been so poorly maintained," said another concerned individual.

Saipan Tribune informed the Marianas Visitors Authority about the grievances of these concerned citizens but has yet to receive an update on the situation.

Uncollected garbage are an eyesore for visitors to the peak of Mt. Tapochao.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Detention guard seeks temporary release to kin

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

A detention guard who is facing charges of forcing a female ward at the Kagman Juvenile Detention to engage in sex acts wants the federal court to temporarily release him to third-party custodians.

Tyron Farley Reyes Fital wants his nephew Joseph Omar and uncle Dionisio Fital to be his third-party co-custodians.

Fital's lawyer, Loren Sutton, said that both Omar and Dionisio Fital are close to his client and have known him all of his life.

Since Omar and his wife work as government employees, Sutton said that Dionisio Fital has agreed to be present in the Omars' house to supervise the defendant in their absence at all times.

"The Omars live in a cement house in As Lito, Saipan and have no children. Tyron [Fital] will have his own room in the house," the lawyer said.

Both proposed custodians, Sutton said, understand that if Fital violates any terms or conditions of release, it is their responsibility to report this immediately to the court and they could be liable for whatever bond the court sets if they fail in this.

Sutton said there is nothing in Tyron Fital's background to suggest he is prone to violence.

Sutton suggested that the court may set conditions of release requiring the 24-year-old Fital to have no contact with minors, with the possible exception of his 5-year-old son.

"While it cannot be denied that, if guilty of the charges he may constitute a danger to minors of the community, it is submitted that the court may establish conditions of release which would render such a potential danger moot," he said.

Sutton said that Tyron Fital's release to third-party custodians, the surrender of his passport, house confine-

ment or curfew, and other court conditions are more than enough to ensure that Fital will appear and will not flee.

Fital's request will be heard on July 13 at 10am before U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Robert J. Bryan.

FBI agents arrested Fital on June 11 after the filing of an indictment alleging that around October 2009 through February 2010, Fital coerced a child by means of force and threats to engage in sex acts while the minor was a ward at the Kagman Detention and Correctional Facility. Fital pleaded not guilty.

Visiting U.S. District Court for the NMI Judge Consuelo B. Marshall recently ordered that Fital be not released from custody without a court order.

Marshall gave this specific order after assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Maley cited a past experience when the Department of Corrections released a defendant in federal court without a court order.



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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-083

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/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

Group rallies to improve bike awareness on Saipan

A group of bike enthusiasts will be meeting on Thursday, July 8, from 5:15pm to 6pm at the American Memorial Park Amphitheatre to learn about and comment on how to improve bike awareness on Saipan. Everyone is encouraged to attend and invite others.

A group mountain bike ride will start after the meeting.

Agenda includes meet, greet, and share prior to meeting comments; new ideas and comments; and mountain bike ride (bring bike light).

Bring ideas, keep comments brief to ensure all have the chance to be heard, arrive early, and pass the word. Prior to meeting comments can sent to pbpcp@yahoo.com or by calling 236 2976.

There will be a follow-up meeting on Sunday, July 18, 4pm to 4:30pm, Pau Pau Beach, followed by a mountain or road bike ride. A \$5 donation will help cover bike awareness pamphlets costs.

Bike safety suggestions received:

■ Objective/focus: Increased bike opportunities and safety through greater driver education and rules of the road enforcement

Dela Cruz to launch book on NMI history

Retired chief justice Jose S. Dela Cruz is inviting the CNMI public this Saturday to the launching of his new book, *From Colonialism to Self-Governance: The Northern Marianas Experience*.

The book launching will start at 10am on July 10 at the American Memorial Park.

Dela Cruz will talk about the key points discussed in the book and will respond to questions from the audience afterwards. He will then be available for anyone who want their copies of the book autographed.

Those interested to purchase a copy of the book can do so at the book-signing venue. Refreshments will be provided to guests. (Clarissa V. David)

Chamber's monthly meeting tomorrow

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its general membership meeting tomorrow, July 7, 2010, at the Sandcastle of the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

The speaker at the meeting will be Gary Liddle, who is heading up the newly-reestablished CNMI Small Business Development Center. Liddle will talk about the SBDC and its mission and services.

Registration and lunch will begin at 11:30am, and the meeting will begin at 12pm. The meeting is \$15 for members, \$20 for guests of members, and \$25 for general public. (SCC)

■ Desired outcomes: Safer cycling, increase riding opportunities, and reduce vehicle caused bicycle injuries and fatalities

■ Work through CNMI government:
■ Grants: what's available and application process
■ Public awareness events:

what, when, and how to participate
■ Help rewrite CNMI Rules of the Road manual to include greater cycle safety content

■ Support letters for the "Safe Roads for Bikes" legislation
■ Increased bike lanes or shoulders
■ Marianas Visitors Authority

support
■ Develop and distribute bicycle safety education materials
■ Obtain stats of cyclist related accidents (PR)



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
Plaintiff,
vs.
FELIPE Q. ATALIG, individually & dba
CASA DE FELIPE and, ELVIRA CUSTODIO ATALIG,
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 04-0242B
NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Felipe Q. Atalig, individually and dba Casa de Felipe, and Elvira Custodio in the following described, real property situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R2-2**, situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, containing an area of 900 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21796-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith; And
Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R2-3**, situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, containing an area of 900 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21769-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith; And
Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R2-4**, situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, Containing an area of 900 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21769-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, July 23, 2010**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

- Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
- Reserve.** The auction shall be held with reserve.
- Rights and Duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
 - To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
 - To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
- Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 235-7147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
- Deposit: Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
- Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Felipe Q. Atalig, individually and dba Casa de Felipe, and Elvira Custodio Atalig in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 17th day of June 2010.

/s/SANTIAGO F. TUDELA, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety



COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ESTATE OF LORENZO I. GUERRERO and
MATILDE V. GUERRERO,
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 04-0366D
NOTICE OF AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants the Estate of Lorenzo I. Guerrero and Matilde V. Guerrero in the following described, real property situated in As Lito, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Tract No. 21851 "A" situated in As Lito, Saipan, CNMI, containing an area of 20,000 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat Number 0256/77, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document Number 7318, on the 4th of April 1978. Including all existing and future permanent improvements on the said real property, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, July 23, 2010**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

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Dated this 17th day of June 2010.

/s/SANTIAGO F. TUDELA, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety



WWII dog tag sparks wartime memories

Washington D.C.-based Donald Deeds Jr. had quite the surprise on Veterans Day in November 2009 when, out of the blue, he received a telephone call from Saipan. The caller, Fabian Indalecio, told him about finding his father's World War II military identification tag, or dog tag.

Indalecio told the younger Deeds that he found the WWII dog tag (serial number 13105708) on Saipan and has been searching for Donald A. Deeds since 2004 using the Internet and that's where he got the contact information for the son.

Indalecio, a Saipan Southern High School counselor and a passionate collector of World War II relics, learned that Donald A. Deeds, now 86, currently resides in Maryland and is in good health.

The elder Deeds served with the 20th Army Air Corp on Saipan in the As Lito Isley Field during World War II and was part of the crew maintenance for the 20th Century Sweetheart, a Super Fortress B29. He routinely flew for bombing runs on Japan. He was born in 1924 in the District of Columbia, and enlisted in the Army Air Corp in Washington D.C. on Oct. 6, 1942.



Donald A. Deeds, now 86, currently resides in Maryland.

In his correspondence with Indalecio, the younger Deeds shared some of his Dad's stories:

"While on Saipan, he found a Japanese car that had been hit and turned completely over in an air raid, likely during the U.S. invasion. He said most of the car's body was gone, like the roof, but it had wheels, seats and an engine. He said he put a battery and gas in it and got it running—he and a buddy named Vincent Edwards, who worked on another plane, and lived in a different tent, and was much older than Dad—but they got along well and shared this car. Dad said the MPs tried to get the car from them, but they kept it away from the MPs and kept it hidden in the bushes.



The 20th Century Sweetheart, a Super Fortress B29 during World War II.

"Dad said they never got Coke, but they did get beer rations—and that was like money to them. When they did drink the beer, they used fire extinguishers to cool it. But for trade, they would use the car to go to Garapan or mostly to the U.S. Navy compound. At the U.S. Navy yard, they could get ice cream, tea shirts, sheets for bedding—and Dad got a mattress. He said he cut up old inner tire tubes for straps for springs for his bed and put the mattress on top—he said that made a very comfortable bed.



Fabian Indalecio found this World War II military identification tag, or dog tag, of Donald A. Deeds.

"Dad said he was one of the youngest guys there—18—and enlisted; most of the people there were much older—27—and drafted. He said everyone was respectful of everyone else, but Dad said he was young and a bit rough—and could hold his own; knowing him, I know he is right about that.

"Dad said that he often had guard duty at night and U.S. tank movements and the sound of goats in the sugarcane were scary. He recounted one incident today where he heard the goats in the cane, and started hiding in

the cane to ambush whoever was walking through there, and came very close to shooting one but stopped at the last moment.

"Dad said while on Saipan they always work in daylight hours—they didn't have lights—and the bedding they had was never a bunk bed.

"He remembered getting steak one time—and during that time 'Tokyo Rose' came on the radio and asked the Saipan soldiers how they liked their steak. Directly after there was an air raid but he said it [steak] was so good he didn't stop eating to duck for cover even though there was bombing and strafing going on—that was how much he appreciated getting that one steak.

"Thanks for everything. We don't want the dog tag back, we are very happy that you found it, have shared a photo of it, and will put it to good use," said the younger Deeds. "Thanks again for your efforts.

You have helped us—my family, my brothers and sisters—to remember, to appreciate our father again and for all of those like him—like you—and all they have done for the rest of us." (Fabian Indalecio)

Insular Empire film screening on Thursday

The public is invited to attend the screening of a new PBS documentary film to be held at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe on Thursday, July 8, beginning at 6pm.

The Insular Empire: America in the Mariana Islands explores America's long and complex relationship with Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands."

The film was produced and directed by Vanessa Warheit of Horse Opera Productions. Its production was supported, in part, by grants from the NMI and Guam Humanities Councils.

The audience will have the opportunity to participate in a question-and-answer session with Warheit and the film's three main subjects: former Guam

senator Hope Cristobal, former lieutenant governor and Washington Representative Pedro A. Tenorio, and Carolinian cultural preservationist and navigation expert Lino M. Olopai.

The screening is made possible by support from Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, the Governor's Office, Vice Speaker Felicidad T. Ogomoro, Rep. Ramon A.

Tebuteb, the Carolinian Affairs Office, William Hunter, Carmen Gaskins, the Aquarius Hotel, and Pacific Islanders in Communications.

The event is free of charge and open to the public. Additional information about the film is available on the Web at www.horseopera.org/Insular_Empire_2010/. (PR)



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NMC seeks public input on new president's qualifications

The Northern Marianas College Search Committee is inviting public input on the qualifications of a new NMC president. Those who wish to submit input may attend the public meeting of the Search Committee at 11am on Friday, July 2, 2010, at the Board of Regents conference room at NMC. Additional meetings will be scheduled later. (PR)

NMC extends alumni survey deadline

The Northern Marianas College is inviting

all 2009 graduates to participate in an online survey that will help the college track and measure graduates' educational pursuits and employment since graduation.

The deadline to fill the survey has been extended to July 18, 2010. The college will be using the collected data to improve its programs in order to better meet the educational and workforce needs of the community.

To access the survey, contact NMC institutional researcher Lisa HacsKaylo at 234-5498 ext. 1029 or lisah@nmcnet.edu, or NMC Alumni president Jack Kiyoshi at

Ext. 1021 or jackk@nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

Calling on all court translators, interpreters

The CNMI Superior Court is in the process of updating its list of translators and interpreters. If you are on the Superior Court list or interested in becoming one, you will need to go to the Office of the Clerk of Court and pick up an application form. Application processing is free. Bring a copy of your photo ID. For more information contact Elsa Duenas-Nieto at 236-9765 or Julie Ilo at 236-9774. (PR)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 6, 1999

Teno prods parties to seek a compromise

Despite brewing conflict over naming of the streets on Saipan, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio has decided to keep his hands off the controversial issue to let the local delegation seek compromise on whether Chamorro or Carolinian names should be used. But he prodded the commission tasked to study recommendations on the street naming project to consider the proposal from the Carolinian community which has been the bone of contention in the ongoing debate among Saipan lawmakers. "The commission should look into that. The Carolinians should also be involved in the commission," he told reporters. Stressing the significance of the project, Tenorio expressed hope that a compromise would be reached between opposing parties, which must be discussed in a joint meeting.

American Memorial Park to get facelift

The American Memorial Park will soon get a much-needed facelift once a proposal to float bonds worth \$2 million is approved by the CNMI government to finance three key projects in the popular recreation site, according to Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan. Anticipated to be completed before 2001, the plan will call for improvement of the nature trail as well as the construction of a track and field oval and a flower-bearing garden to be called the Marianas Memorial Garden within the park grounds. In an interview with reporters last Friday, Sablan said the Commonwealth Development Authority and the Marianas Public Land Trust will jointly undertake the proposed bond flotation.

July 6, 2000

Court orders DOC to provide facility for mentally-ill inmates

Superior Court Associate Judge Timothy H. Bellas has ordered the CNMI government to certify on or before July 12, 2000 that the corrections facility where murder suspect Dwayne M. Sibetang is currently being detained conforms with the requirements of the Patient's Rights Act and the Criminal Commitment Act. Both the PRA and the CCA require that Mr. Sibetang receive prompt and adequate treatment by qualified mental health professionals. Since Mr. Sibetang is detained at the Division of Corrections, it is the responsibility of the custodial officials to ensure that such services are provided for detainees like him. At the same time, the CNMI government should certify that the Commonwealth Health Center's treatment facility where he is receiving treatment is sufficiently staffed with qualified mental health professionals.

Emergency PCB cleanup to begin next month

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers yesterday disclosed that it will finally carry out an emergency removal of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination in Cemetery No 2 not later than August 15, 2000 to make the burial ground safe on Nov. 1. According to Helene Takemoto, project manager of the U.S. Army Corps, the project is estimated to cost \$2 million as it will involve the excavation of as much as 5,000 tons of PCB contaminated soil. The Army Corps will use a process called indirect low thermal desorption which had used in New Jersey to clean up a former factory site located near a residential area. It has also been utilized in 10 other areas, including Superfund sites, mostly in the US mainland.

July 6, 2001

Landfill bidding may reach court

Lawyers of losing joint venture bidder Western Equipment, Inc. and DRC Pacific, Inc. said they will exhaust all legal remedies to get the multi-million dollar contract for the construction of the Marpi Solid Waste Facility, even it means going to court. "We'll pursue all our legal remedies. At the moment, we're waiting for their response," said Bruce Mailman, one of the legal counsels for WEI-DRC. Mailman said the government "can't just sweep" the bidding process that will eventually turn out to be a "mockery of the regulation" if the contract is eventually awarded to the joint venture of Dick Pacific Corporation and Pacific Drilling Ltd.

US panel: Drop 50-50 funding requirements

A key panel of the US Congress recently approved its version of the 2002 Interior Appropriations Bill which, among others, questioned the compact impact provision that requires the Commonwealth to match federal funding dollar-for-dollar. The US Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee contained a provision questioning the local match mandate for the compact impact agreement and asking the Secretary of Interior to reconsider amending the agreement.

Coronation Night for 2010 LibDay Queen



2010 Liberation Day Queen Josifynn Vivian "Peachy" Quitugua



2010 Liberation Day Royal Princess Rayna Anabeth Deleon Guerrero Chong

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1st Princess Yuri Marie Evarrola Cepeda



3rd Runner Up Zelma Alyssa Dela Cruz Santos



1st Runner Up Berlani Tayleen Blas Apatang



3rd Princess Sashana Igitol Atalig



2nd Princess Marie Kastel Santos Tambiga



Liberation Day Sweetheart Brina Marie Mafnas Reyes



5th Princess Marla Helbert



4th Princess Khristyne Atalig



2nd Runner Up Angela Bermudes Aldan

Opinion

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EDITORIAL

Russian spy episode shouldn't derail relations

The FBI rolled up a Russian spy ring in suburban America just days after President Dmitry Medvedev tooled around Silicon Valley, netting an iPhone 4 from Apple's Steve Jobs and a promised \$1 billion investment from Cisco Systems. The leader of the United States' Cold War foe then chowed down on cheeseburgers with President Obama in Arlington, Va., at a diner blocks from the apartment of one of the alleged secret agents. Agents, by the way, who apparently never sent home any secrets.

John LeCarre might have discarded this story as beggaring belief, but it's a true-life collision of past and present relations with Moscow. And just as intriguing as the facts of the case is our collective reaction: surprise, fascination and an odd sense of familiarity, but not fear or outrage.

The spy operation seems like a relic of the past, with buried bags of cash and invisible ink. The suspects allegedly took on U.S. identities and lived all-American lives, while scouting for information on U.S. policy-making and for potential recruits. U.S. officials had been tracking them for a decade, well before the appearance of Facebook, YouTube and other tools for learning about Americans that not only would have been legal but might have yielded higher returns — more insights on policy, new Friends on the Web.

Granted, we could learn that these spies were more than Keystone Kops, or that there are others still active who are doing serious damage to national security, somehow passing nuclear, technological or political secrets to the Kremlin. But Obama and Medvedev have good reasons for playing down the scandal that White House spokesman Robert Gibbs referred to as a law enforcement issue rather than a diplomatic crisis.

The two countries, no longer enemies, must work together to nurse the global economy, dissuade Iran from developing a nuclear weapon, and combat organized crime and terrorism. Neither wants a skeptical U.S. Senate to use the spy episode to delay ratification of the new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty that the two presidents signed in April. Indeed, while it is important to remain vigilant against espionage, given what we've seen so far, we don't see cause for another "reset" of the U.S.-Russia relationship that the two governments have been working hard to mend.

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It's not just the Russians who are spying on the US

By RICHARD PARKER
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The arrest of 11 people on charges of espionage for the Russian government was a case of old-fashioned spy craft straight from the annals of the Cold War: dead drops, moles and communicating in code, known as steganography. Yet Russia is not alone in trying to crack U.S. secrets. China is engaged in a massive espionage effort against the United States that exceeds Russian efforts on a crucial front: Cyber espionage.

The Chinese military—namely the People's Liberation Army—is behind many of the cyber intrusions into U.S. government and corporate computer networks as part of a broad effort to steal technological, military and political secrets. This form of espionage costs the United States hundreds of billions of dollars per year and represents a dangerous threat to U.S. national security.

In early 2010, news reports from Washington indicated that Google, along with other U.S.-based corporations, was being hacked by unnamed parties in China. A progressive political organization, Patriot Majority, asked me and a team of journalists and researchers to investigate the likeliest source of the attacks. After combing through government documents, military land technical literature we concluded the Chinese military was likely behind many cyber intrusions against the United States.

Why? In 1995, the U.S. Navy humiliated the PLA during the Taiwan Strait Crisis by a massive show of force, as not one but two aircraft carrier battle groups sailed unmolested between the mainland and Taiwan, quelling mainland threats of force. That episode underscored the PLA's technological inferiority in case of an actual shooting war.

And it set off a rush within China's huge but antiquated military to modernize. The military ramped up its spending to improve its technological quality in areas such as space and cyber warfare, as well as its traditional military's precision-strike capabilities. The conception of this effort came in the form of a book in 1999 called "Unrestricted Warfare." Written by two Chinese colonels and promoted as required reading for officers, it said, "The first rule of unrestricted warfare is that there are no rules, with nothing forbidden."

As a result, and under orders from President Hu Jintao, the PLA reorganized to engage in cyber warfare in case of war—and to engage in cyber espionage during peace. In 2004, a PLA white paper stated that its primary goal in modernizing was "building an informationalized force and winning an informationalized war." The

military shed 200,000 troops while investing between \$50 billion and \$100 billion per year. The government has even conscripted entire civilian companies, in fact, and rolled them into the PLA as cyber warfare units.

One interesting focus of the PLA's modernization efforts—and a potential source of the cyber intrusions against the United States—is a military complex on Hainan Island in the South China Sea. Hainan features a space launch complex, an underground submarine base and it is home to a large signals intelligence unit that seems to have been converted from eavesdropping on satellite transmissions to cyber missions.

Hainan has for years also been the scene of confrontations and collisions between U.S. efforts to gather intelligence and China's efforts to safeguard its own secrets. In 2001, for instance, a U.S. Navy EP-3E Aries II spy plane collided with a Chinese fighter and landed there. And in 2009, Chinese trawlers intercepted and harassed the U.S. spy ship Impeccable approximately 75 miles from the island.

In addition, in 2009, Canadian researchers at The SecDev Group and The Munk Center concluded that a series of cyber intrusions against political and government targets around the world included many that emanated from an Internet protocol address on Hainan. "The attacker(s)' IP addresses examined here trace back in at least several instances to Hainan Island," researchers wrote. Later, Rafal Rhozinski, one of the report's authors and chief executive of The SecDev Group, told the U.S.-China Commission in testimony there was "a high degree of certainty that the attackers were located in Hainan Island, China."

A commission member, Larry Wortzel, said that he has not seen confirmation of attacks originating in Hainan but there is no question about the involvement of the Chinese military in cyber espionage against the United States. "China has one of the most sophisticated and well-manned cyber operations around the world," Wortzel said in response to questions. "And the effort is supported by what seems to be a well-thought through military doctrine consistent with China's military structure and capabilities."

"This is a reasonable and sensible conclusion based on decades of knowledge and work on the domestic politics of China and the workings of China's government, the People's Liberation Army, intelligence and security services and the Communist Party," according to Wortzel, who recently wrote in the Federal Times that at least 43,785 reported incidents cyber intrusions were directed at the U.S. Defense Department alone in just the first half of 2009.

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EDITORIAL POLICY

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Letters to the Editor

Respect

Respect. It is a word deeply embedded in our culture. Growing up in our islands, we were all taught to respect our elders. We were taught to *amen* our elders and to refrain from talking back or arguing with them. In a traditional sense, it is a beautiful and admirable cultural trait. In a progressive sense, it has been, in many instances, our Achilles' heel.

It seems we have spent more time upholding the rules of respect than we have on upholding the laws of the land. Somewhere along the road, we might have forgotten the true meaning of respect. So, my question is, what does respect really mean?

■ Does respect mean that if a child gets abused by a family member, it should be dealt with behind closed doors, within the confines of the family, and that the police should not interfere? And if the police do get involved, should the victim be told to lie to save a relative's skin?

■ Does respect mean that relatives are impervious to prosecution, and that there are really two sets of laws? Do we prosecute to the fullest extent of the law and impose tough sentencing when dealing with "outsiders", but give a slap on the wrist when it comes to *familia*?

■ Does respect mean that we must ignore fairness and accountability because a family member is involved in a crime, and look the other way?

It seems inconceivable that people in our community can stage a rally against guest workers and accuse them of showing disrespect for wanting to improve their lives and the lives of their families, yet stage no rally or say nothing when a child in our community is severely beaten and raped. Where are the rallies against the criminals who are invading our once peaceful community? Why aren't we waging war against the thugs who rob our homes and victimize our children? Who is a greater threat to the sanctity and safety of our community, criminals or guest workers?

As a community, it is time that we redefine respect. It is time that we tell our elders and teach our children that respect is reciprocal: if you don't *give* respect, then you will not *receive* respect. It is time that we explain to our family that committing crime in our small community is tantamount to committing crime against the family, and that it will not be tolerated, because along with it being immoral and sinful, committing crime is shameful, because it disrespects and tarnishes the reputation of the family and the family name.

When it comes to our leaders, it seems that many of them replace respect with arrogance once they are elected. When they needed our vote, they came around, knocked on our doors, and promised

us honesty, integrity, fairness, and solutions to the problems affecting the CNMI. Some of our leaders went so far as to promise *better times*. But as soon as they got elected, our leaders forgot about us common folk, and went about conducting business the old fashioned way: taking junket trips, hiring relatives, repealing laws, conducting public business behind closed doors, failing to pass a budget, and spending their entire budget before you could say "payless payday." Some of our leaders have forgotten that they work for us, and that they are public servants, not dictators.

As public servants, it is their duty to uphold the laws of the land and to respect the wishes of the people. Cramming casinos down the throats of our community after our people overwhelmingly rejected it in a popular initiative recently is disrespectful, as well as insulting. Before our leaders can even talk about casinos in Saipan, they need to clean up the mess they created: poker parlors and poker addiction. *Pot fabot*, a poker palace on every corner in our villages does nothing but breed more crime. If our leaders want to know about poker addiction and how it has decimated family morals and values, all they need to do is meet with a Community Guidance Center counselor, so they can be filled in on how poker addiction has broken up families and is tied to criminal behavior. They can also stake out a poker joint at night. They are bound to see kids playing in a Laundromat at midnight or sleeping in a parked car in front of at least one of the hundreds of poker parlors cluttering our villages.

What is equally disrespectful is the total disdain some of our elected leaders have when it comes to laws of our land. A case in point would be HB 17-70, a poorly conceived bill that goes against Public Law 16-46, also known as the "The CNMI Smoke Free Air Act." Among other reprehensible things, HB 17-70 will once again allow restaurants to designate smoking areas, without even putting up partitions! Have our leaders failed to read and comprehend that anti-smoking laws exist in every part of the world, including Japan? Can't our leaders understand the research data given to them that shows anti-smoking laws across America and the rest of the modern world help businesses more than hurt them, and that it is a step in the right direction for the overall health of our community?

Let's not kid ourselves anymore. Smoking kills. And smoking is tied to dozens of types of cancers, as well as heart disease. But we also need to realize that *secondhand smoking* inflicts the same damage. While some restaurant owners insist that consumers should have the freedom to choose whether or not to patronize restaurants that allow smoking, have those same restaurant owners forgotten about their own employees' rights? Don't employees working in smoke-filled restaurants have the right to breathe clean air, most especially employees that are pregnant, or suffer from asthma and other lung or heart ailments? Our leaders

need to see the bigger picture. They need to spend considerable time researching and reading and listening to their constituents as well as field experts so that the CNMI can move forward, not backward. At a time when the CNMI must rob Peter to pay Paul just to get paychecks out to the masses, our leaders must respect and reinforce laws that promote and protect the health and well-being of our people, most especially our children.

And last but not least, since respect is highly valued on our islands, how is it possible that we have lost sight of what it means to respect our environment? Look at our beaches after a weekend of partying. How much trash is left behind? How many times do we see beer cans and paper plates and cigarette butts left on picnic tables, strewn across our white sandy beaches, and spread out all over the floors of our public *pala palas*? And come to think of it, when was the last time anyone was actually cited for littering?

While enjoying the July 4th parade, I saw a sweaty but smiling Kathy Yuknavage and several volunteers from Beautify CNMI!, MINA, and other non-profit groups picking up trash along the sides of the road. Thank you and God bless you all! While these volunteers work at beautifying and protecting our environment by sponsoring clean-ups and putting up recycling bins all across our islands, we have hoodlums who deface the bins by spray-painting graffiti with hateful words, all the while partying and leaving their trash behind. Were these hoodlums not taught by their parents how to clean up after themselves? Were they not taught that graffiti and litter hurt tourism, which is our bread and butter? Apparently not. Perhaps the parents were too busy playing poker that they forgot to instill in their children basic values, such as cleaning up after their selves. Or maybe they just don't have enough common sense to understand what respect really means.

Those who commit violent crimes, trash our beaches, spray graffiti and vandalize public property, deceive the general public, spit betel nut on sidewalks and storefronts, and believe that they and their family are above the law lack more than just respect. They lack self-respect. Ultimately, you can't respect others if you can't respect yourself. Self-respect is the foundation of respect and virtue. To define what self-respect means, I yield to Alfred Whitney Griswold, who wrote, "Self-respect cannot be hunted. It cannot be purchased. It is never for sale. It cannot be fabricated out of public relations. It comes to us when we are alone, in quiet moments, in quiet places, when we suddenly realize that, knowing the good, we have done it; knowing the beautiful, we have served it; knowing the truth we have spoken it."

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China's efforts to steal U.S. secrets, however, are not confined to the realm of computers. Cyber espionage is part of an unprecedented wave of espionage at large against the United States. Chinese intelligence agencies have begun to change tactics, including recruiting Americans, as well as sifting huge amounts of digital information. In the first three quarters of 2009, the U.S. Justice Department prosecuted 9 espionage cases involving spying for China and the Customs Department is investigating 540 cases of potentially illegal technology transfers to China.

Intelligence-gathering and military modernization is the normal business of governments around the world, particularly in peacetime. China's military would not be doing its job if it wasn't trying to steal secrets and train for conflict; the United States maintains a massive offensive cyber war capability as well and recently established a unified military command.

However, the price of China's cyber-spying is high. By one estimate it costs at least \$200 billion to the United States alone annually—a cost borne by both taxpayers and shareholders. Yet the national security cost is the highest price tag of all, particularly as the Chinese military focuses on attempting to cripple U.S. forces in case of an armed conflict.

There are plenty of warnings: The U.S.-China Commission provides a roadmap for both Congress and the administration to follow, in tracking the PLA's cyber espionage and offensive warfare capabilities and dealing with them. Cyber espionage may not be as spell-binding as the Russian spy ring. But right now China's cyber spying is far more damaging to U.S. national security.

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Open letter to Coast Guard chief

Rear Adm. Stephen Mehling

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Honolulu, HI 96850-4982

It has been over 15 days since I have sent the following letter to you and I have yet to receive a response from you. Thank you for your time and attention regarding this important matter.

Alarming news has reached me that longstanding events here on Saipan have been cancelled or forced to change radically. The Laguna Regatta, longest running sporting event in Micronesia at 34 straight years and counting is among the casualties. The swimming race called Hunt for Managaha is another. The Escape from Managaha swim event is on-again-off-again and hopefully will be able to get 'permission' to continue. The 2nd Annual Flipper Race may be in peril. The USCG person in charge on Saipan this time around apparently confuses his mandate of making the waters safe for the public, with closing the waters off from use by legitimate activities entirely.

These events have been on-going for quite some time and are held with due concern for the safety of the general public and the participants. They have a perfect safety record. Coordination has always worked flawlessly between Commonwealth Ports Authority and Department of Public Safety Boating Safety and Fish and Wildlife departments all working together with the US Coast Guard in the past.

The local USCG officer-in-charge does not own the Saipan Lagoon. He should be there to assist government Agencies and private organizations organize events so that our citizens and our visitors and tourist guests can safely enjoy our wonderful lagoon. Instead what we find are a commanding lieutenant and a his lone staff person acting as barriers to these events by requiring ridiculously long 'application' lead times and pretending that rules prohibit the cross-

ing of our infrequently used boat channel. Commercial shipping of any size uses this channel only a few times a week. It has always been quite easy to coordinate those few vessels and other small boat traffic with the few minutes it takes some swimmers or few seconds it takes some boats, to cross the channel.

A lot of boats and people cross the shipping channel every day. Now we are told that this particular person's interpretation of the rules of the road preclude crossing the channel? I find this hard to believe. The events mentioned above and others like them are havens for clean family fun and competition with many local residents and plenty of our tourists participating. We feel that to wind down years of tradition, and may I add a perfect safety record, because one individual spends a bit too much time interpreting "the book", is irresponsible, intrusive and unnecessary.

May I ask you to please look into these allegations and determine for yourself the correct course of action, and having done so, please direct your local representative to work with, not against the people he is here to serve?

We understand that with the recent "federalization" of immigration here in the CNMI, and with a buildup of military personnel ongoing in Guam, that you in the Coast Guard have additional security duties. We don't feel that the event and general public use of the public waters around Saipan constitute any undue danger to national security and years of safely held events have proven that public safety is certainly not an issue.

We ask your help in alleviating what has become a burdensome problem where once we had useful cooperation. Thank you for taking time to address this issue.






Rep. Stanley McGinnis Torres

*17th CNMI Legislature
Capital Hill, Saipan*

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 77
Yap	Mostly Sunny	▲ 89 ▼ 78
Chuuk	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Pohnpei	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 77
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Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 80 ▼ 75

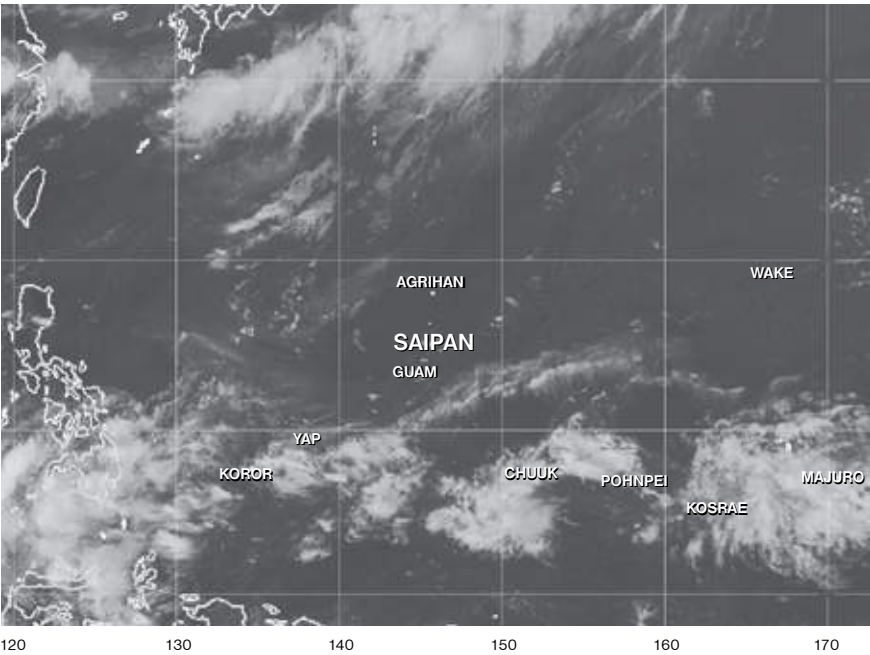
Around The Globe

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Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲ 92 ▼ 71
Hong Kong	Cloudy	▲ 88 ▼ 75
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 77 ▼ 59
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 72 ▼ 59
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 92 ▼ 78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 57 ▼ 44
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 78
New York	Sunny	▲ 98 ▼ 76
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 89 ▼ 73
Paris	Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 60
Pusan	Sunny	▲ 77 ▼ 70
Rome	Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▼ 67
Salem	Sunny	▲ 90 ▼ 59
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 64 ▼ 55
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲ 82 ▼ 69
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 84 ▼ 75
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲ 99 ▼ 80

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
1:44 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
9:14 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
3:54 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
8:23 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, JULY 5, 2010

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Converging southwest winds are causing scattered showers northwest of the Mariana Islands within 100 miles of a line from 20N133E to 24N140E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across southern Micronesia in two areas. The first area extends from near Palau and Yap eastward across Chuuk to near Pohnpei and is bounded by a line from 5N130E to 10N142E to 9N159E to 3N153E back to 5N130E and the second area across Kosrae and the Marshall Islands is between 4N and 10N from 162E to 180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:52 AM	6:52 PM
Wednesday	5:52 AM	6:52 PM
Thursday	5:52 AM	6:52 PM
Friday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM
Saturday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:32 AM	1:30 PM
Wednesday	1:14 AM	2:24 PM
Thursday	2:01 AM	3:21 AM
Friday	2:53 AM	4:21 PM
Saturday	3:52 AM	5:21 PM

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Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 102	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
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FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily
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FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
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FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
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FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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Business

Troubled Toyota recalls about 92,000 cars in Japan

TOKYO (AP)—Toyota started recalling more than 90,000 luxury Lexus and Crown vehicles Monday in Japan over defective engines—the latest setback for the automaker beset with quality problems.

Toyota Motor Corp. spokesman Paul Nolasco said recalls in overseas markets will follow soon, totaling about 270,000 vehicles globally. That includes: 138,000 vehicles in the U.S., 15,000 in Europe, 10,000 in the Middle East, 6,000 in China, 4,000 in Canada, and 8,000 in other regions.

Toyota told the Japanese government Monday it was recalling 91,903 vehicles for flaws in the valve springs, a crucial engine component, that could make the automobile stall while in motion. “We apologize for inconveniencing our customers. We hope to fix the problem soon,” Nolasco said.

The quality problem affecting top-of-the-line products comes as Toyota struggles to move on from massive global recalls that started in October. It already has recalled more than 8.5 million vehicles for various problems, including sticking gas pedals, braking software glitches and defective floor mats.

The world’s top automaker was fined a record \$16.4 million in the United States for responding too slowly when the recall crisis erupted.

The latest woes come on top of a recall last week for 17,000 Lexus hybrids after testing showed fuel can spill during a rear-end crash.

Analysts said Monday’s recall did little to instill consumer confidence after Toyota President Akio Toyoda, facing shareholders last month, vowed to improve vehicle quality inspections.

“It is not doing a good job in communicating a message about what exactly it is doing to beef up quality checks,” said Shotaro Noguchi, auto analyst with Nomura Securities Co.



A Lexus nameplate is seen on a car on display at a Lexus dealership in the Woodland Hills area of Los Angeles, Thursday.

in Tokyo. “So it is hard for people to believe Toyota is taking the customer’s view as it is promising to do.”

The company announced the latest quality problems last week. Some 180,000 of the defective automobiles were sold overseas, 138,000 of them in the United States.

No accidents or injuries have been reported because of the defect. About 220 complaints have been reported.

Toyota said it was replacing the valve spring in the recalled vehicles, produced between July 2005 and August 2008—Lexus models GS350, GS450h, GS460, IS350, LS460, LS600h, LS600hL and Crown models.

Toyota also faces more than 200 lawsuits in the U.S. tied to accidents involving defective automobiles, the lower resale value of Toyota vehicles, and a drop in its stock value. The Tokyo market reacted with calm to Toyota’s recall news. Toyota shares gained 0.5 percent to 3,035 yen in morning trading.

Chrysler to set up separate Fiat dealer network

DETROIT (AP)—Chrysler Group LLC will set up a separate dealership network to sell cars made by Italy’s Fiat Group SpA when they are reintroduced in the U.S. later this year.

The Auburn Hills, Michigan-based automaker said existing Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and Ram dealers will get a chance to apply to sell the Italian Fiats, but they must be able to operate separate facilities with different sales and service teams in order to win a franchise.

Fiat, which last sold cars in the U.S. in the 1980s, will return to the country in December with the debut of the Fiat 500, a highly efficient, very European-looking small car. Other Fiat models are likely for the U.S., but the com-

pany has not made announcements beyond the 500, known in Italy as the Cinquecento.

Fiat was given control of Chrysler by the U.S. government when the automaker emerged from bankruptcy on June 10, 2009. The company would have run out of cash and been sold off in pieces without roughly \$15 billion in aid from the U.S. and Canadian governments. While noting that the company still has a long road ahead to recovery, CEO Sergio Marchionne last month touted Chrysler’s first-quarter operating profit, two straight months of sales gains and plans for 16 new or updated vehicles by the end of this year.

The Fiat dealerships will be located

in roughly 125 U.S. metropolitan areas that Chrysler has found to have high small-car registration and high potential for growth in selling smaller cars, said spokesman Ralph Kiesel. The company expects to have 200 Fiat dealers in 41 states.

Letters will go out Monday to Chrysler Group’s roughly 2,300 dealers nationwide giving them general guidelines for applying to become Fiat dealers. More specific requirements will come in application packets for interested dealers.

“Dealers are going to have to demonstrate how they will market, sell and service Fiat vehicles with a new customer service model,” Kiesel said.

He would not say if dealers will have to pay to buy a Fiat franchise. Generally, interested dealers must be in the 125 designated markets, meet customer satisfaction and minimum sales requirements, and show that they have the financial resources to support the brand, Chrysler said in a statement.

Dealers outside the 125 identified markets will be considered for Fiat franchises provided they meet all the performance standards and financial requirements, Kiesel said.

Chrysler hopes to announce the dealership network in September, three months before the 500 is to arrive in the U.S. Chrysler also has announced plans for a 500 convertible and an electric version, but no timing has been revealed for those models to go on sale.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Asian stocks mixed on new worries over US recovery

BANGKOK (AP)—Asian stock markets were mixed Monday in light trading as a disappointing jobs report from the U.S. and concerns over bank lending and slackening growth in China sparked investor unease. Oil prices rose to nearly \$73 a barrel in Asia as investors worried about a weak U.S. economic recovery. The dollar was up against the yen, and the euro also weakened. While key indexes in Japan and South Korea rose slightly, many traders watched from the sidelines, waiting out Monday’s holiday in the U.S. amid a scarcity of positive economic news.

Oil rises near \$73 amid light 4th of July trading

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices rose to nearly \$73 a barrel Monday in Asia as investors worried about a weak U.S. economic recovery amid light holiday trading volume. Benchmark crude for August delivery was up 38 cents to \$72.52 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract lost 81

cents to settle at \$72.14 on Friday. U.S. markets are closed Monday for the Fourth of July holiday. Oil prices fell the previous six trading sessions and dropped almost 10 percent last quarter amid ongoing fears about Europe’s financial crisis and slowing economic growth in China.

LA port clerk strike goes on despite holiday talks

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Negotiators in a labor dispute between shippers and clerical workers met for several hours Sunday despite the Independence Day holiday, but a strike at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach showed no signs of ending on its fourth day. John Fageaux Jr., president of the International Longshore Warehouse Union local that represents about 900 clerical workers, said that during four hours of morning talks his side offered an agreement with no new money, only guarantees that jobs would not be outsourced. “The union proposed zero increases on the wages and zero increases on the pensions in an effort to resolve the dispute,” Fageaux said. “We’re just asking for job security.”

Rough weather curtails some Gulf cleanup work

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Cleanup crews across the Gulf of Mexico surveyed damage done by last week’s hurricane while contending Sunday with choppy seas that idled many of the boats dedicated to keeping oil from hitting vulnerable beaches and marshes.

Offshore skimming vessels were able to operate in Louisiana waters, but not off the coasts of Alabama, Mississippi and Florida, officials said.

“We’ve got our guys out there and they’re docked and ready, but safety is a huge concern for us, especially with the smaller vessels,” said Courtnee Ferguson, a spokeswoman for the Joint Information Command in Mobile, Ala.

China premier: Economic environment ‘complicated’

BEIJING (AP)—China’s economic health still faces threats from the halting global recovery, but Beijing has no plans to make major changes to its economic policies, Premier Wen Jiabao said in a report posted on the central government’s website Sunday.

China rebounded quickly from the global crisis on the strength of massive stimulus spending and record bank lending. But Communist leaders, who expect Europe’s debt crisis to hurt demand for Chinese goods, say the recovery is still

The offshore skimming in those states has essentially been curtailed for nearly a week, thanks to weather generated earlier by Hurricane Alex, even though it was never closer than 500 miles or so to the spill.

On Sunday, huge barges used to collect oil from skimming vessels were parked at the mouth of Mobile Bay, waiting for conditions to subside as waves rose to about 5 feet high miles offshore.

The current spate of bad weather is likely to last well into next week, according to the National Weather Service.

“This should remain fairly persistent through the next few days, and maybe get a little worse,” meteorolo-

vulnerable to a downturn in trade.

“Right now our economic situation is good, but the domestic and international economic environment is very complicated,” Wen was quoted as saying in the report.

China must “work to promote stable and relatively fast domestic economic growth, restructure the economy and manage inflation expectations to ensure the government’s goals for 2010 are met.”

Beijing is trying to pump up domes-

gist Mike Efferson said.

On the shore, beach cleanup crews were making progress on new oil that washed up thanks to the high tides generated by last week’s bad weather.

In Grand Isle, about 800 people were removing tar balls and liquid oil from seven miles of beach, Coast Guard Cmdr. Randal Ogrydziak said.

“In a day or two, you wouldn’t be able to tell the oil was even there,” he said.

By Wednesday, Ogrydziak said they should have a machine on the beach that washes sand where the oil washed ashore. Crews have also been working to put containment boom thrown around by the storms back into place, he said.

tic demand to reduce reliance on investment and exports to drive growth. Retail spending is rising, but millions of jobs still depend on export industries.

“The severity of the international financial crisis and the difficulties of economic recovery have surpassed people’s expectations,” he said.

“So we will not only take great efforts to solve some long-running structural problems, but also we need to solve some existing and urgent problems,” Wen said, without elaborating.

Nation

Horses bolt during Iowa parade; 1 killed, 23 hurt

BELLEVUE, Iowa (AP)—Two runaway horses pulling a wagon trampled spectators at a small-town Fourth of July parade, killing a 60-year-old woman and injuring at least 23 other people, four critically.

The horses bolted after one rubbed its head against the other, removing that horse's bridle, police said. They galloped for several blocks with the wagon in tow, trampling parade-goers. The wagon flipped and ejected

its two passengers, police said.

Among those injured were children who had stooped in the street to pick up candy that had been tossed to them.

Sandie Crilly, 46, of Willow Springs, Ill., said she was collecting Tootsie Rolls from the street with her 8-year-old son, 12-year-old niece and 2-year-old granddaughter when the horses ran toward them about halfway through the parade.

Someone yelled to get out of

the way, she said.

"I could see it was two horses," Crilly said. "I could see they were running at full speed and they were harnessed together and I knew we were going to most certainly get hit, and as soon as it happened, everybody was crying and screaming."

Police declined to identify the woman who died, but said she passed away at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City. Four people were hospitalized in

critical condition, five others were seriously hurt and 14 others sustained minor injuries, police said.

The parade is a decades-long tradition in Bellevue, a town of about 2,300 people on the Iowa-Illinois border.

"The mood is shock and disbelief," Bellevue Mayor Virgil Murray said. "We've had this parade forever. We've had horses in the parade forever."

Crilly, who was visiting her parents in Bellevue, said someone pulled her granddaughter to

safety, but her niece's left wrist was broken and her two front teeth were knocked out. Everyone else in their group sustained bumps and bruises, she said.

Paramedics treated victims at a nearby art gallery and a triage area was set up near the Mississippi River, where volunteers held up tarps to shield the injured and paramedics from the sun and heat, Crilly said. Others brought the injured ice and water, she said.

"It was madness," Crilly said. "I mean we were in a triage. The

town really came together. It was a huge community effort."

Murray said residents pitched in, making phone calls and sending text messages to get word out that doctors and nurses were needed.

The injured were sent by ambulance and medical helicopter to hospitals in Dubuque, Maquoketa and Iowa City. Ten patients were taken to Mercy Medical Center-Dubuque, nine of them children, house supervisor Carol Dietzel said.



A child is tended to by onlookers after a horse got loose, trampling people at a Fourth of July parade in downtown Bellevue, Iowa, on Sunday, July 4, 2010.

Sinking oil threatens historic Gulf shipwrecks

TIMBALIER ISLANDS, La. (AP)—Not just flora and fauna are getting caked in oil. So is the Gulf of Mexico's barnacled history of pirates, sea battles and World War II shipwrecks.

The Gulf is lined with wooden shipwrecks, American-Indian shell midden mounds, World War II casualties, pirate colonies, historic hotels and old fishing villages. Researchers now fear this treasure seeker's dream is threatened by BP PLC's deep-water well blowout.

Within 20 miles of the well, there are several significant shipwrecks—ironically, discovered by oil companies' underwater robots working the depths—and oil is most likely beginning to cascade on them.

"People think of them as being lost, but with the deepsea diving innovations we have today, these shipwrecks are easily accessible," said Steven Anthony, president of the Maritime Archaeological and Historical Society.

"If this oil congeals on the bottom, it will be dangerous for scuba divers to go down there and explore," Anthony said. "The spill will stop investigations; it will put a chill, a halt on (underwater) operations."

The wrecks include two 19th-century wooden ships known as the "Mica Wreck" and the "Mardi Gras Wreck." The German submarine U-166 and ships sunk by other German submarines during World War II are within the spill's footprint.

The Mica was a 200-year-old, two-masted schooner that sank sometime before 1850, according to a report by the Minerals Management Service. It was discovered about 2,500 feet deep in the Mississippi Canyon during work to lay a pipeline.

In 2002, the Mardi Gras wreck was discovered by oilfield workers in even deeper waters: About

4,000 feet down about 35 miles off the Louisiana coast. The wreck got its name from the pipeline project where the wreck was found: the Mardi Gras Gas Transmission System, a huge deepwater pipeline system.

Researchers with Texas A&M University believe the sunken ship may have been a gun runner or British trader during the War of 1812.

BP played a part in finding the U-166, a German U-boat sunk in World War II off the Louisiana coast. Then, as now, the Mississippi River was an important corridor for merchant shipping.



In this Sept. 2, 2007 photo released by Jim Meyers, a memorial tribute is shown on the sunken USS Oriskany off the coast of Pensacola, Fla.

Dioceses oust abusers they had pledged to monitor

NEW YORK (AP)—At the peak of the Roman Catholic clergy sex abuse crisis, the discipline plan American bishops adopted prompted dioceses to remove nearly all accused clergy from the priesthood.

Some of the men, however, were considered too old or sick to be kicked out. Instead, bishops barred those clerics from functioning as priests and promised to keep watch over them in supervisory programs that would keep the men far from children.

But interviews with canon lawyers, church child protection officials and experts who advise them found that, eight years after the plan was approved, few of those diocesan programs exist. Church leaders are more likely to oust a cleric from the priesthood than monitor him.

Church leaders viewed the tracking programs as critical to protecting children while still showing mercy for accused

clergy who did not have the means to survive on their own.

Most people who said they were abused as children did not come forward until decades after the priests' alleged offenses. The men had never been prosecuted in a civil court, let alone a church tribunal. Vatican officials whose approval was needed to enact the 2002 American plan were especially concerned about clergy due process rights and pressed bishops on the issue.

When the American policy was finalized, an exception had been carved out for the infirm men. They would be ordered to live a life of "prayer and penance" under diocesan watch.

Dioceses quickly realized, though, that they had few resources for the complex task of monitoring abusive priests, and that by caring for the clergy, they might be opening themselves to additional liability. American dioceses have already paid more than \$2.7 billion in settle-

ments and other abuse-related costs since 1950, according to surveys by the bishops.

Tossing accused clerics out of the priesthood altogether became the more common approach.

"In many instances, it's a decision based on whether there is the probability of being able to provide the monitoring that's necessary," said Sister Sharon Euart, a canon lawyer who advises bishops and religious orders. If they can't, they may be more likely to begin the process of removing them from the priesthood, she said.

No one knows exactly how many accused clergy have been removed from the priesthood in the last several years, how many are living under church supervision or the specifics of how dioceses are tracking the men under their watch. Annual child safety audits for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops do not include a check of priest-monitoring programs.

ACROSS THE NATION

NYC airport terminal reopens after false alarm

NEW YORK (AP)—A bomb scare that turned out to be a false alarm forced the evacuation of a terminal at John F. Kennedy International Airport for two hours Sunday. John Kelly, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which manages the three main New York-area airports, said 250 to 300 passengers were evacuated from Terminal 1 at the airport around 6 p.m. and were allowed back in after 8 p.m. The evacuation occurred after an anonymous phone caller said there was a bomb at the airport, and at the same time someone else reported an unattended bag, Kelly said. Police checked the bag and it was not a bomb, he said. Among the evacuated passengers was Igor Rakocevic, a Serbian professional basketball player who was trying to get home to Belgrade via Paris. Rakocevic said a cheer erupted when security officials said passengers could return to the terminal.

Police: Suspect in baby shooting in Calif. jail

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A suspect in the shooting death of a 4-month-old boy killed after a family baptism celebration was in a Los Angeles County jail Sunday, three days after he was captured in Mexico and 10 months after a warrant was issued for his arrest. Ricardo Hernandez, 24, was being held without bail on suspicion of

murder, Los Angeles police said in a statement. Hernandez, a U.S. citizen, was taken into custody in Jalisco, Mexico, on Thursday after Los Angeles police detectives received a tip and alerted Mexican authorities. On Friday he was deported to the U.S., arrested on the outstanding murder warrant and booked at Van Nuys jail. Law enforcement officials reached Sunday by phone did not know if Hernandez had hired an attorney and it was not clear when he would be arraigned.

5 killed in West Texas air ambulance crash

ALPINE, Texas (AP)—An air ambulance crashed shortly after takeoff from a West Texas airport Sunday, killing all five people on board. The crash happened about 12:15 a.m. about a mile east of Alpine-Casparis Municipal Airport, about 200 miles southeast of El Paso. The twin-engine Cessna 421 had just taken off for Midland International Airport in Midland, when it went down in an open area, according to the Federal Aviation Administration. The aircraft was carrying a patient and his wife to Midland, the Texas Department of Public Safety said. It identified the dead as 78-year-old patient Guy Richard Folger of Alpine, his 59-year-old wife, Mary Folger; two flight nurses, 49-year-old Sharon Falkner of Fort Davis, and 42-year-old Tracy Chambers of Alpine; and 59-year-old pilot Ted Caffarel of Beaumont.

Asia

Petraeus takes over Afghan fight, vows 'to win' it

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—"We are in this to win," Gen. David Petraeus said as he took the reins of an Afghan war effort troubled by waning support, an emboldened enemy, government corruption and a looming commitment to withdraw troops—even with no sign of violence easing.

Petraeus, who pioneered the counterinsurgency strategy he now oversees in Afghanistan, has just months to show progress in turning back insurgents and convince both the Afghan people and neighboring countries that the U.S. is committed to preventing the country from again becoming a haven for al-

Qaida and its terrorist allies.

"We are engaged in a contest of wills," Petraeus said Sunday as he accepted the command of U.S. and NATO forces before several hundred U.S., coalition and Afghan officials who gathered on a grassy area outside NATO headquarters in Kabul.

Petraeus, widely credited with turning around the U.S. war effort in Iraq, said the Taliban and their allies are killing and maiming civilians—even using "unwitting children to carry out attacks"—in an attempt to undermine public confidence in the Afghan government and the international community's abil-

ity to prevail.

"In answer, we must demonstrate to the people and to the Taliban that Afghan and international forces are here to safeguard the Afghan people, and that we are in this to win," Petraeus said on the Fourth of July, U.S. Independence Day.

Continual discussion about President Barack Obama's desire to start withdrawing U.S. forces in July 2011 has blurred the definition of what would constitute victory. That coupled with the abrupt firing of Petraeus' predecessor, a move that laid bare a rift between civilian and military efforts in the country, has created at least the percep-



Gen. David Petraeus, the new commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan, holds the ISAF flag during a ceremony in which he formally assumed the command, Sunday, July 4, 2010 in Kabul, Afghanistan. AP

tion that the NATO mission needs to be righted.

June was the deadliest month for the allied force since the war began, with 102 U.S. and international troops killed. Progress in stabilizing Taliban strongholds in the south has been slow, support for the war is waning in the United States and allied nations, and doubts persist about the Afghan government's willingness and ability to fight corruption.

"After years of war, we have arrived at a critical moment," Petraeus said. "We must demonstrate to the Afghan people—and to the world—that al-Qaida and its network of extremist allies will not be allowed to once again establish sanctuaries in Afghanistan from which they can launch attacks on the Afghan people and on freedom-loving nations around the world."

Petraeus suggested he would refine—or at least review—the implementation of rules under which NATO soldiers fight, including curbs on the use of airpower and heavy weapons if civilians are at risk, "to determine where refinements might be needed."

Pakistan PM agrees to hold terrorism conference

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan's prime minister agreed to hold a national conference on ways to combat terrorism after the main opposition leader said the government should negotiate with the country's Taliban militants to improve security.

Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani's decision late Saturday came just two days after a pair of suicide bombers killed 42 people at a famed Sufi shrine in Lahore, the capital of Punjab province where the opposition controls the government.

The agreement to hold a national conference represents a rare moment of consensus between the two parties, which have clashed over how to address the problem of growing violence in Punjab, the country's richest and most populous region.

Officials in the ruling Pakistan People's Party have called on the provincial government to

crack down on militant groups once supported by the country's intelligence agencies but now allied with the Pakistani Taliban against the state.

Members of the provincial government, which is controlled by the Pakistan Muslim League-N party, have resisted—a move analysts say is driven by its reliance on banned militant groups to deliver key votes during elections.

Opposition leader Nawaz Sharif added a new twist to the debate Saturday by calling for the government to negotiate with Pakistani Taliban militants "who are ready to talk and ready to listen."

It was unclear exactly with which groups Sharif expected the government to talk. There are numerous militant organizations in Pakistan, and they often overlap and work together.

The government has brokered peace deals with Taliban fight-

ers along the Afghan border in the past, but they have usually collapsed and have often given the militants time to regroup and consolidate their control.

Sharif's push for talks comes as Pakistan tries to weigh in on reconciliation efforts in Afghanistan among the government, the United States and the Afghan Taliban.

The statement announcing that Gilani and Sharif agreed to hold a national conference on terrorism did not specifically mention the opposition leader's call to negotiate with the Taliban.

Meanwhile, militants continued their campaign of violence in the country's northwest near the Afghan border.

A roadside bomb struck a vehicle carrying members of an anti-Taliban militia in Dara Adam Khel on Sunday, killing two and wounding three others, said Mohammad Shafiq Khan, a local political official.

Indonesian Islamists open front against Christians

BEKASI, Indonesia (AP)—Days after rumors spread across this industrial city that Christians were conducting a mass baptism, hard-line Islamic leaders called for local mosques to create a youth guard to act as moral police and put a quick stop to forced conversions.

They started training early Saturday morning, around 100 young men turning out in a field in Bekasi wearing martial arts uniforms. Leaders stressed that there was no plan to arm them, but they do not shy away from saying they'll act essentially as thugs.

"We're doing this because we want to strike fear in the hearts of Christians who behave in such a way," said Murhali Barda, who heads the local chapter

of the Islamic Defenders Front, which pushes for the implementation of Islamic-based laws in Bekasi and other parts of the archipelagic nation. "If they refuse to stop what they're doing, we're ready to fight."

Although this secular country, with more Muslims than any other in the world, has a long history of religious tolerance, a small extremist fringe—of which the front is the vanguard—has become more vocal in recent years as it tries to root out everything it considers blasphemous.

Though big, vice-filled cities, like Jakarta, traditionally have been easy targets, changing demographics have put areas like Bekasi, on the outskirts of the capital, in the hard-liners' cross

hairs. The shift reflects a greater problem in Indonesia, which is struggling to stamp out extremist movements without losing the support of moderates, who condemn violence but are sensitive to perceptions that the government is subservient to the West.

Outsiders have steadily poured into the Jakarta suburb in search of work, bringing with them their own religions, traditions and values. That has made conservative Islamic clerics nervous. Some have used sermons to warn their flock to be on the lookout for signs of proselytization.

The front, known for smashing bars, attacking transvestites and going after minority sects with bamboo clubs and stones, is now leading a charge against Christians in the area.

Report: US asks Japan to pay more for Marine move

TOKYO (AP)—The United States has asked Japan to help shoulder hundreds of millions of dollars in additional fees to transfer Marines from a controversial base on Okinawa island to Guam, Kyodo news agency reported.

The extra money—needed to help pay for electricity, water and sewage facilities at the new site—could add further uncertainty to the future of the Futenma Marine Corps Air Station, which has strained the security alliance that Japan and the U.S. sealed 50 years ago.

Debate over a relocation

plan for the base, which currently sits in the middle of a city in Okinawa, led to repeated mass protests and was a major factor in Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama's resignation last month. Under the existing deal, 8,000 Marines and their dependents will move to the U.S. territory of Guam and some facilities will shift to a less populated part of the Japanese island.

Japan agreed in 2006 to pay more than \$6 billion of the \$10 billion the move was expected to cost.

U.S. Defense Secretary Rob-

ert Gates asked Tokyo last month to help pick up the tab for the higher-than-expected infrastructure costs at the new base, Kyodo news said, citing unnamed diplomatic sources.

Kyodo said that would likely cost Japan an additional tens of billions of yen (hundreds of millions of dollars). The country's massive debt and struggling economy are a major issue in national elections set for this month, and any additional financial burden for the already sensitive Okinawa base issue would draw strong criticism at home.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Afghan gov't: 63 drug smugglers, terrorists killed

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Security forces killed 63 drug smugglers and terrorists and destroyed several tons of drugs in a two-day operation in southern Afghanistan that ended Sunday, the government said. Ten armed militants and smugglers, including some foreigners, were also arrested in the sting by a counternarcotics unit assisted by coalition forces along Afghanistan's southern border with Pakistan, according to the Afghan Interior Ministry. It said authorities freed 14 civilians being held by the smugglers and terrorists, and confiscated weapons, explosives and suicide vests during the operation in Baramcha in southern Helmand province. They destroyed 16 tons of drugs and drug-making chemicals.

Quake with magnitude of 6.3 rattles northern Japan

TOKYO (AP)—A quake with a magnitude of 6.3 jolted northern Japan early Monday, but there was no danger of a tsunami, the Japan Meteorological Agency said. The quake occurred off the coast of Iwate, some 310 miles (500 kilometers) north of Tokyo at 7:08 am (2208 GMT) Monday. The quake's center was 19 miles (30 kilometers) below the sea surface, the agency

said. Iwate police official Takahiro Fujibayashi said there were no reports of damage. "I felt the tremor, but nothing fell off from bookshelves after the quake," he said. Japan is one of the world's most earthquake-prone countries. In 1995, a magnitude-7.2 quake in the western port city of Kobe killed 6,400 people.

Chinese court sentences US geologist to 8 years

BEIJING (AP)—An American geologist detained and tortured by China's state security agents over an oil industry database was jailed for 8 years Monday in a troubling example of China's rough justice system and the way the U.S. government handles cases against its citizens. Beijing's No. 1 Intermediate People's Court sentenced Xue Feng for seeking and providing intelligence related to the purchase of the commercial database on the oil industry. Xue's lawyer Tong Wei described the sentence as "very heavy." Jon Huntsman, U.S. ambassador to China, was inside the court when the verdict was delivered. For Xue, the verdict comes more than six months since the last court hearing and two and a half years after he was detained—a protracted prosecution and pretrial detention that Chinese officials never explained.

World

Exit polls: Komorowski takes Polish presidency

WARSAW, Poland (AP)—Interim president Bronislaw Komorowski appeared to have held off a last-minute surge from the identical twin brother of the late president, who died in an April plane crash that shocked the country and forced Sunday's early election.

Exit polls showed Komorowski with a slight edge over Jaroslaw Kaczynski, who essentially conceded defeat in the presidential run-off by declaring before supporters, "I congratulate the winner."

A poll released Sunday by the TNS OBOP institute predicted Komorowski winning 53.1 percent of the vote, and Kaczynski winning 46.9 percent. A separate poll, by Millward Brown SMG/KRC, shows Komorowski with nearly 52 percent and Kaczynski with just over 48 percent.

Official results based on 95 percent of polling stations reporting appeared to bear out the exit polls. They showed that Komorowski won 52.63 percent of the vote and Kaczynski 47.37 percent, the state electoral commission said early Monday.

Full results were expected later on Monday.

Komorowski, who wants to smooth the way for the government to continue privatizing state-run companies and trim welfare benefits, didn't formally claim victory, noting that the votes were still being counted.

"Tonight we open a small bottle of champagne and tomorrow we will open a big bottle," he said before a jubilant crowd of party members in Warsaw.

An election was originally set for autumn but had to be called early to replace President Lech Kaczynski, who died April 10, in a plane crash in Smolensk, Russia, along with 95 other Poles. It was the worst tragedy to strike Poland in decades and set a tone for a somber election campaign free of the dirty political maneuvering that often precedes Polish elections.

"We thank everybody—the more so that it was an unusual campaign, a difficult campaign held in the shadow of catastrophe," Komorowski, 58, said.

Kaczynski, surrounded by supporters chanting "Jaroslaw!" essentially conceded defeat at a campaign party in Warsaw held by his Law and Justice party.

"I congratulate the winner,



Parliament Speaker, acting president Bronislaw Komorowski greets supporters after exit polls indicate him to be the possible winner in the presidential elections, during the election night in Warsaw, Sunday, July 4, 2010.

I congratulate Bronislaw Komorowski," Kaczynski said.

The tragedy of his brother's death reshaped the public image of Kaczynski, who only months ago was one of the country's least popular politicians due to his combative and divisive style. Many Poles remember

the chaotic government he led from 2006-2007 and his zealousness in trying to eliminate former communists from public life—an approach that critics described as a witch hunt.

Kaczynski's supporters were heartened because their candidate did far better than expected

weeks ago, showing a late climb in polls and raising their hopes that he could strengthen the power of his opposition Law and Justice party in future elections.

"I would like to mention here the man, the people who are the reason for our being here: my brother and all those killed

in the Smolensk catastrophe," Kaczynski said. "Let us remember them because this result grew out of their martyr-like deaths. A new quality grew out of my brother's work and service, a return to values, a return to patriotism."

Both presidential candidates were former anti-communist activists, but Kaczynski is a nationalist who has worked to promote patriotic and conservative Catholic values, making him popular among rural Poles and older voters, especially those who remember the suffering inflicted on Poland by Germany and the Soviet Union during World War II.

Komorowski, the scion of an aristocratic family, has a traditional Catholic background but he favors a greater separation of church and state and has stressed the need to look to the future and modernize Poland, the largest of the ex-communist countries to join the European Union in recent years.

Poland's president has many ceremonial duties, but he can also veto laws, and as commander in chief has influence on foreign military operations.

Blasts mar Biden's call for new govt, unity

BAGHDAD (AP)—Vice President Joe Biden urged rival Iraqi politicians Sunday to end months of delays and select new leaders for their wobbly democracy, predicting a peaceful transition of power even as suicide bombers struck government centers in two major cities.

The attacks in Mosul and Ramadi underscored persistent fears that insurgents will exploit Iraq's political uncertainty to stoke widespread sectarian violence. Four people were killed and 25 injured in the two blasts that occurred hundreds of miles apart.

The twin explosions on the Fourth of July illustrated the vexing nature of the U.S. involvement in Iraq and its efforts to nudge the country toward stability and democracy.

At least five mortar rounds also fell in the Green Zone late Sunday when Biden was there, said Iraqi police officials. The Green



U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, left, his wife, Jill Biden, center and Gen. Ray Odierno, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, right, are seen during a naturalization ceremony for service members at al-Faw Palace on the western outskirts of Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday, July 4, 2010.

Zone is the sprawling protected area in the heart of Baghdad that is home to the U.S. Embassy as well as the Iraqi parliament and prime minister's office.

There were no reported casualties, said the officials, who did not want to be identified because they were not authorized to speak to reporters. Mortars and

rockets are periodically fired into the Green Zone but rarely result in casualties or damage.

On his fifth trip to Iraq since he was elected, Biden sat down separately with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a Shiite who is struggling to keep his job after his party lost the March 7 election, and his chief challenger, former premier Ayad Allawi.

The Sunni-backed Iraqiya political alliance that Allawi heads won the most seats in the vote, but it fell far short of securing enough seats in parliament to control the government. That has led to four months of both men trying to woo support from allied lawmakers, ultimately delaying the decision of who will be the next prime minister.

Biden made clear that a government that is not represented by all sides—no matter who leads it—will fall short of a thriving democracy.

Mexicans vote in elections besieged by drug violence

CIUDAD VICTORIA, Mexico (AP)—Mexican President Felipe Calderon's party appeared headed to a triumph Sunday in a longtime stronghold of the former ruling party and was in a tight race for the governorship of another key state, according to exit polls and preliminary official results.

A victory in the southern state of Oaxaca would be a much needed boost for Calderon after a campaign for local elections in more than a dozen states that

was besieged by assassinations and scandals that displayed the power of drug cartels and faced his government with its most serious political challenge.

The vast majority of citizens didn't show up to vote in the northern state of Tamaulipas, where the leading gubernatorial candidate was assassinated a week ago by suspected cartel gunmen.

Impoverished and volatile Oaxaca is one of several states in which Calderon's conservative

National Action Party formed alliances with leftist parties seeking to thwart a resurgence of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, which ruled Mexico for 71 years and still controls many state governments.

The PRI had hoped for significant gains in Sunday's elections to pick up momentum for its bid to regain the presidency in 2012, trying to capitalize on growing frustration with surging drug gang violence. But exit polls released by TV Azteca

and Televisa indicated the PRI would not significantly improve on the nine governorships it already held among the dozen seats up for grabs.

The polls and preliminary official results pointed to a PRI defeat in Oaxaca, a heavily indigenous state that it had ruled for 80 years. The PAN and its leftist allies were also in a tight race in the PRI bastion of Sinaloa, a violent northern state that is the birthplace of the powerful drug cartel of the same name.

WORLD BRIEFS

Top Lebanese Shiite cleric Fadhallah dies at 75

BEIRUT (AP)—The leading Shiite cleric in Lebanon and one of the sect's most revered religious authorities, Grand Ayatollah Mohammed Hussein Fadhallah, died Sunday after a long illness. He was 75. Fadhallah's doctor, Hashem Nouredine, told The Associated Press that the cleric, who had been hospitalized for the past two weeks with a liver problem, died from internal bleeding in his stomach. Seen by some as a spiritual mentor to the Hezbollah militant movement and by others as a voice of pragmatism and religious moderation, Fadhallah enjoyed a following that stretched beyond Lebanon's borders to Iraq, the Gulf and as far away as central Asia. He played a key role in the rise to prominence of Lebanon's Shiite community over the past 30 years, and was one of the founders of Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's governing Dawa Party. He was believed to be the party's religious guide until the last days of his life.

Kenyan PM leaves hospital, denounces pay vote

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—Hours after Kenya's prime minister was discharged from the hospital following a brain procedure, the leader on Sunday denounced a move by lawmakers to approve for themselves a \$175,000 annual pay package. Lawmakers voted last week to adopt the recommendation of a pay committee to increase their salary and allowances and pay tax on their income for the first time. With the new taxes in place, the proposed increase in members' take-home pay would be relatively small—about \$1,500 a month. But the media and public have been scathing in their condemnation of the move, which still needs to be made law to take effect.

Pope praises life of 13th-century pontiff who quit

SULMONA, Italy (AP)—Pope Benedict XVI said Sunday that "for all our weaknesses" priests have an important role in the world. Benedict did not directly mention the clergy abuse scandal that has rocked the Catholic church for months. But during a daylong visit to a central Italian town, he received a round of applause and words of support by local youths greeting him "in this time of harsh attacks and media provocation." Minutes later, Benedict told the youths that "for all our weaknesses, still priests are a precious presence in life." The trip to Sulmona was dedicated to honoring Celestine V, the 13th-century hermit who resigned the papacy saying that he was not up to the task. Benedict said his simple and humble lifestyle can serve as an example for modern men and women.

Focus

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the other day on the Internet, one man's Facebook circle received a public service announcement of sorts: "This goes out to any girl that ive ever been with. I got tested today for Herpes and i came out positive."

Privacy just isn't what it used to be. With Facebook at the forefront, business models hungry for personal data and a youthful generation raised on the Internet seem to be pulling the 21st century toward

meaningful consent or have not had enough life experience to know the consequences."

The defining initials of our time may be TMI, the text-message shorthand for "too much information."



HECTOR AMEZCUA/SACRAMENTO BEE/MCT

Mike Osborn, left, a student at Sacramento State University, has a Facebook account but says he doesn't like some of the people trying to friend him as he feels they don't need to see some of the content he has on his page. Osborn watches as friend Josh Thompson looks through Facebook.

How Facebook has changed our idea of 'too much information'

a more "transparent" culture, in the approving words of Mark Zuckerberg, the social networking giant's 26-year-old founder. Facebook's stated mission: "Giving people the power to share and make the world more open and connected."

The objective, Zuckerberg adds, is to foster a Web in which a more personal, social experience is the norm, not the exception.

This comes as long-standing social mores and sensibilities are being shaken by the convergence of a number of Silicon Valley technologies. Besides Facebook, which is based in Palo Alto, Calif., sites like Twitter and YouTube are encouraging

Over the six years that Facebook has turned its "sharing" service into a global phenomenon approaching a half-billion users, a Nexis search of major newspapers found a 2,000 percent increase in the use of the term "oversharing."

The hazards of TMI can range from embarrassment and job dismissals to fraud. PleaseRobMe.com, a website that uses Twitter's search capability, was set up to highlight how people's willingness to disclose their whereabouts makes their homes vulnerable to burglars.

Facebook, Twitter and other companies, many consumer advocates and some lawmakers say, should do more to protect users who may not understand how widely their data is exposed.

Laws to strengthen personal rights on the Internet, some argue, must also anticipate the unintended consequences of advancing technologies. Improvements in facial recognition, for instance, could result in identifying the individuals in the vast numbers of photos and videos on the Web—whether they want to be or not. As it is, individuals have no control of images posted of them by others, or comments made about them.

But the companies driving the TMI trend argue that users post information voluntarily. And a close examination of Internet use, scholars say, reveals a disconnect between individuals' expressed attitudes about privacy and their behavior.

"People report in studies that they care deeply about privacy," said Ryan Calo, a fellow at Stanford Law School's Center for Internet and Society. "But then people don't seem to act in a way that protects their privacy."

The conclusion many researchers and advocates draw is not that actions speak louder than words, but that the economic interests of many Internet companies are served by users' ignorance.

"Right now, many companies are trying to get as much information as they can because it's so valuable," Calo said. Consumers would find reason for pause, he suggested, if they contemplated "these privacy policies that nobody reads."

In fact, the term "privacy policy" was found to give people a false sense of security, according to a study led by Chris Hoofnagle, director of the UC Berkeley School of Law's Center for Law and Technology.

Facebook, the dominant force in online social networking, has been criticized for what one analyst called its "ready, fire, aim" approach to privacy policies. Initially tailored for university communities, Facebook has steadily broadened its default privacy settings in a way that exposes as much of a user's posted information on the Web as possible unless users customize those controls.

Zuckerberg and his lieutenants argue that the site's privacy controls strike a proper balance, noting that more than half of Facebook users have used the service's settings to either restrict data or make it more open. The company also says it actively polices the service, banishing third-party application providers suspected of violating Facebook's privacy policies.

Facebook's collegiate roots have helped foster the popular view that young adults, having grown up with the Internet, are less worried about personal privacy than their elders. But that notion has been called into question by recent surveys led by Hoofnagle and by the Pew Center for the Internet and Society that found keen interest regardless of age.

Younger adults, the studies found, were actually more likely to actively "manage" their online data, rather than acquiesce to Facebook's default settings.

On the other hand, older adults have been more likely to shun online

social networks entirely, or generally be less active users and accrue fewer online "friends."

Privacy, researchers point out, is a shape-shifting concept that means different things to different people at different points in their lives. Life experience, Smith and Hoofnagle point out, often makes people more circumspect.

Outside a Starbucks near Santa Clara University, Amina Beslagic and Sedina Jusic, both 22, have said they took care to tighten their privacy settings to ensure their data is shared within their personal networks, each numbering more than 200 friends. But some of their friends and teenage sibling seem much more extroverted on Facebook.

"Younger kids, they don't really care," Beslagic said.

As Beslagic described it, an incident in the workplace prompted her to restrict her profile further. A work colleague she'd never met in person said he had looked up her Facebook profile. Although it contained nothing she considered embarrassing, Beslagic said she was concerned that he might look up friends' profiles and see photos of them "drinking and everything that goes with it." Beslagic then decided to restrict the identity of her friends.

Inside San Jose's Martin Luther King Jr. Library, 23-year-old Jessica Kalapin said she had 222 people in her Facebook network, and found it valuable to stay in touch with friends and family in Hawaii and Guam. Kalapin said she's been careful about privacy settings since she signed up two years ago: "It's only open to my friends."

At another computer, 50-year-old Anthony Sims said he had about 30 friends in his network and was comfortable with the default settings. "It's not like I have anything to hide," he said. Sims said he believed that older users like himself are probably more

careful about what they say online.

TMI can result from ignorance or accidents. Many Facebook users may be familiar with seeing "status updates" from friends that were clearly intended for one person, not the entire group. And in researching this story, a San Jose Mercury News reporter who searched the term "abortion" uncovered a terse message on a woman's profile indicating she was at a clinic and feeling "so sad."

Efforts to reach the woman who had apparently posted the message were not successful. It was not clear that she meant this message for the more than 1,000 people in her Facebook network—as well as any Facebook user conducting such a search.

But she was not alone in exposing what many would consider intensely personal information. Another woman posted a message announcing she had just learned her sister was pregnant and that it was "abortion time."

The context and veracity of messages observed in this manner is hard to determine. While some herpes comments appeared to be pranks played in mischief, some appeared sincere. One high school senior in Kentucky who shared his diagnosis with more than 500 people on his Facebook network was contacted by the San Jose Mercury News. He indicated that it was no joke, describing his condition as "herpes to the fifth degree."

Such candor on the Internet, some public health advocates say, may provide a service by helping lift the stigma and silence that abets the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

But some people, others point out, may live to regret the way a moment of indiscretion can come back to haunt them, in ways they may have never imagined. A case of herpes, Hoofnagle noted, can inspire a lawsuit—and a comment on Facebook could wind up as evidence in court.



Zuckerberg

data. And Google, Yahoo, Microsoft and others have made it easier to find all of that information.

"Facebook has indeed changed the nature of privacy on the Internet, in that it actually encourages people to make maximum disclosure of their personal information without regard for the possible consequences," said Robert Ellis Smith, publisher of Privacy Journal, a publication that since 1974 has tracked the impact of technology and law on privacy. "Facebook involves lots of young persons who either are not old enough to give

Overdrive

As minivans fall from favor, Honda Odyssey only improves

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Just a few years ago, the automotive industry had serious doubts about the viability of the minivan market. Several manufacturers, including Ford and General Motors, pulled out completely, hoping to convince customers who needed to carry a lot of people that car-based crossover SUVs were the ticket.

Some bought in; some did not. The first four months of this year, sales for the Honda Odyssey, still the minivan against which all others are judged, shot up for no good reason. Sales tapered off in May, but still Odyssey sales were up 4.2 percent for the first five months of 2010, compared with the same period last year. And this is despite the fact that Honda has announced that the Odyssey will get a restyling in 2011.

Our 2010 test model was the top-of-the-line Touring. The base model is the LX, then the EX, then the EX-L. The LX, which starts at about \$27,000, still has plenty of equipment, and all the safety features—its cost-cutting is in items such as wheel covers instead of aluminum wheels, manual instead of power-operated sliding doors.

All Odyssey minivans have the same 3.5-liter, 244-horsepower V-6, with a five-speed automatic transmission. There is a difference, though, in the higher-end models: The engine has “Variable Cylinder Management,” which shuts down some of the engine’s cylinders when their power isn’t needed. VCM is why that engine is EPA-

NUTS & BOLTS

2010 Honda Odyssey Touring

- Base price: \$40,755
- Price as tested: \$41,465
- Engine: 3.5-liter, 244-horsepower V-6
- Transmission: Five-speed automatic
- EPA rating: 17 mpg city, 25 mpg highway
- Length: 202.1 inches
- Wheelbase: 118.1 inches
- Bottom line: Still the gold standard in minivans

The Odyssey comes standard in a seven-passenger configuration, but the Touring had the “plus one” seat, which replaces the console in the center seat, and adds a spot for an eighth passenger.

rated at 17 miles per gallon in the city, 25 mpg on the highway, and the regular engine is rated at 16/23. We were never quite able to average 25 mpg on the highway—my guess is it takes a light right foot and some comparatively flat terrain to see much difference.

Honda is one of those companies that don’t offer much in the way of options—you usually pick your model, your color, and maybe your transmission choice if a manual is available, and that’s it. Our Touring Odyssey had a base price of \$40,755, and a sticker of \$41,465, the only add-on being \$710 in shipping. There are a few dealer-installed options offered if you want them.

With the Touring, you get everything Honda has, including its excellent navigation system with voice recognition, a backup camera, a rear-seat DVD entertainment system with wireless headphones, a 360-watt, seven-speaker sound

system; power side doors and tailgate, and a big power sunroof. The Odyssey comes standard in a seven-passenger configuration, but the Touring had the “plus one” seat, which replaces the console in the center seat, and adds a spot for an eighth passenger. That rearmost seat, as it has for years on Hondas, folds completely flat into the floor, upping cargo room from a still-healthy 38.4 cubic feet, to 91.1 cubic feet. Remove the second-row seats, and you have 147.4 cubic feet, or roughly the same size as my first college dorm room.

On the road, the Odyssey has a firmer ride that you’d expect from a minivan, but this translates into better handling than you’d expect, a tradeoff I’ll take. Front seats are very comfortable, instruments and controls easy to access—as long as Honda has been building the Odyssey, they’ve had time to perfect the ergonomics.



AP

The grill of a Certified Pre-Owned Lexus vehicle offered for sale is seen at the Keyes Lexus dealership on Thursday, July 1, 2010, in Van Nuys, Calif.

be filed next week.

No vehicles from the 2009 and 2010 model years are affected.

Toyota said during the manufacturing process, the valve springs were contaminated with an unidentified “foreign material.”

The defect could cause abnormal engine noise and in some instance cause the engine to stop while the vehicle is in operation.

Toyota’s Lexus division said it has received no reports of accidents or injuries related to this condition.

Toyota will send owners of the vehicles a recall notice. It said owners should contact their local Lexus dealer to have their engines checked out and repaired after they receive the notification. Lexus will replace the engine’s valve springs.

The automaker said operators can continue to drive their vehicles. But it added that if symptoms such as vibration, rough idling, unusual engine sounds or poor performance occur, they should take the vehicle to a Lexus dealer for service.

The steady string of recalls have hurt the automaker’s market position in the U.S. Of the major automakers, Toyota posted the smallest gains so far this year.

Its overall sales, including the Lexus and Scion brands, rose 9.9 percent to 846,542 through the first half of 2010. Its market share has fallen to 15.1 percent from 16.0 percent in the first half of 2009.

UNDER THE HOOD

Well-made car hums along with basic maintenance

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QUESTION: I have a 1999 Chevrolet Prizm. It just turned 80,000 miles. I’m lately driving it less than 5,000 miles a year. It has never had a tune-up, transmission upkeep or service. Around town I get 23 mpg on short trips, and as much as 40 mpg on long trips. I change the oil every 4,000 miles. This year a new muffler, tires and brakes are the only upkeep.

Have I been lucky? The car is running perfectly, so why should I tempt fate with “manufacturer’s scheduled maintenance?” Should I wait until I have a problem?—Verne Spencer

ANSWER: Your Chevy Prizm is actually a rebadged Toyota Corolla, assembled in Fremont, Calif.—perhaps this explains the excellent performance you’ve so far enjoyed.

I checked the maintenance schedule to see what you’ve missed, and replacement of the spark plugs and engine coolant—each at 30,000 miles—are the most pertinent items. I’d recommend you do this soon, as spark plugs can be difficult to remove, often causing thread damage, when they’ve been in place too long. Additionally, worn spark plugs can cause the engine to misfire, reducing performance and fuel economy, raising emissions, and possibly leading to catalytic converter damage.

Renewing coolant (actually the entire 50/50 coolant/water mix) is also important, as it’s an inexpensive way to prevent cooling system corrosion. Corrosion can be a larger problem than most may realize, due to the variety of metals used in a modern engine and cooling system. Your coolant could look great, because the primarily aluminum engine won’t stain it with rust, but the corrosion inhibitors are long gone, leading to

some expensive repairs.

I’ll agree that some of the manufacturer’s scheduled maintenance inspections and procedures appear to be a bit on the cautious side, or some may even say frivolous. But inspections go quickly, and a pressure test of the cooling system or other procedures can identify problems before they bloom big. Spotting a split CV (axle constant-velocity joint) boot before it spills all its grease, or a bulging or degraded radiator hose before it fails, could save you a bundle of money in repair costs.

The maintenance required on modern vehicles is a fraction of what it used to be. In your case, the 30,000-mile, 60,000-mile, and 90,000-mile services are the important ones, with regular oil and oil filter changes, a few inspections and a tire rotation in between. I’d exceed the recommendations by renewing belts and hoses every five years or 60,000 miles, as well as renewal of the automatic transmission and brake fluids. Call me fussy, but these things could make the difference of the Prizm lasting 150,000 or 300,000 miles with minimal problems. Your engine is equipped with a timing chain, rather than a belt, saving about \$400 each 100,000 miles, as it doesn’t require periodic replacement.

I’m not sure your trouble-free experience with the Prizm is a matter of luck. You bought a solid and tenacious car and it’s served you well. Failing to take care of some of the overdue maintenance will have predictable consequences in the future, if they’re not attended to.

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Toyota to recall 138,000 Lexus cars in US

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES—First it was sudden acceleration, and now it’s the potential for an unexpected stall.

Toyota Motor Corp. said Friday it has begun the procedure to recall Lexus cars with faulty engine valve springs that could cause the vehicles to stall.

In the past year, Toyota has recalled about 8 million vehicles worldwide for a variety of problems, including sticky gas pedals and defective floor mats that both were linked to incidents of unintended acceleration.

On Friday, Toyota said it told the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of its intention to file a Defect Information Report for about 138,000 Lexus vehicles powered by 4.6- and 5.0-liter V8 and 3.5-liter V6 engines.

The problem affects 2006, 2007 and 2008 GS, IS and LS models in the United States. The formal report will

Life & Style

Fireworks follow sun-scorched July 4 festivals

By **MARC BEJA**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—America's largest fireworks show lit up the skies in a burst of red, white and blue over the Hudson River straddling New York and New Jersey on Sunday, a scene that was being repeated in hundreds of communities in a sizzling end to a scorching day for much of the U.S.

"It's amazing on TV," said Marcos Jimenez, a golf caddy who joined thousands of others lining the riverfront for a prime view of the show. "I figured seeing it live would be even better."

Budget cuts forced some U.S. communities to pull the plug on the pyrotechnics, but the gigantic Macy's fireworks show went on as planned on Manhattan's West Side, where it moved in 2009 after eight years on the East River.

The show, which aired live on NBC, began with huge fireballs exploding in the night sky to the strains of patriotic tunes like "Stars and Stripes Forever" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The shimmering fireworks that streaked across the night sky replaced a blazing sun that broiled nearly everywhere east of the Mississippi with temperatures in the 90s (32 Celsius).

In Washington, vendors with stocked coolers hawked "cold," "ice cold," and even "super cold" bottles of water along Constitution Avenue as mid-afternoon temperatures reached the mid-90s. There was a long line for watermelon—\$3 for a huge wedge—and near the Washington Monument, firefighters and U.S. Park Police officers sprayed hoses into the crowd.

On Brooklyn's Coney Island, American Joey Chestnut won the annual Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest for the fourth straight year, but one of his biggest rivals tried to crash the celebration and was taken into custody.

Six-time champion Takeru Kobayashi, who has not signed a contract with Major League Eating so he could be free to compete in contests sanctioned by other groups, went on stage after the competition. Police officers grabbed him, and he tried to hold onto police barricades as they took him into custody.

In Bellevue, Iowa, a woman died and 23 people were injured at a parade after two runaway horses pulling a wagon took off, running into spectators along the streets, police said. The victims were as young as 2 years old and suffered injuries ranging from multiple fractures to collapsed lungs and bruises and abrasions.

In Washington, thousands gathered on the National Mall were treated to 17 minutes of fireworks, shot off behind the Washington Monument. Thousands of visitors sat on the steps of the U.S. Capitol for the July 4 concert, featuring David Archuleta, Reba McEntire and the National Symphony Orchestra.

The Obama family celebrated the holiday by hosting members of the military and their families for a barbecue, concert and a view of fireworks on the South Lawn of the White House.

"Michelle and I couldn't imagine a better way to celebrate America's birthday than with America's extraordinary men and women in uniform and their families," President Barack Obama told the guests.



Dressed to represent Uncle Sam, Steve Myott, of Greenville, North Carolina, right, shakes hands with visitors from atop his stilts near the U.S. Capitol, left background, on National Mall in Washington before the start the Fourth of July, Independence Day, parade Sunday, July 4, 2010.

Vice President Joe Biden arrived in Iraq on Saturday evening for the holiday weekend, his second visit there this year, and attended a citizenship ceremony at one of Saddam Hussein's former hunting lodges.

Festivities in Philadelphia, where the Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776, will conclude Monday after 11 days of parades and concerts. The Goo Goo Dolls were headlining a free concert on Sunday night, which will be followed by a fireworks show.

There will be more than 40 firework displays in Los Angeles. One of the largest in the area is held at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. Fire crews have spread fire retardant on the nearby hillsides to prevent sparks from igniting brush fires.

Chicago traditionally celebrated a day early on July 3 with a fireworks display that drew more than 1 million people, but the show was canceled this year to save at least \$500,000. The city will hold three smaller shows on Sunday.

In Seattle, local businesses and individuals donated the \$500,000 needed for the city's 20-minute fireworks show, in which 3 tons of explosives will be set off over Lake Union.

In Durango, Colorado, the fireworks display will go on thanks to embattled oil giant BP.

The company stepped forward in December to pay for the fireworks show, five months before oil began spilling from the spot in the Gulf of Mexico where one of the company's rigs exploded.

City officials were poised to cancel the \$15,000 show because of a budget crunch but BP, which drills for natural gas in Colorado, offered to pick up the tab.

Ex-champ arrested at NYC hot dog event



Six-time hot dog eating contest champion Takeru Kobayashi, center, of Japan, is taken into custody by New York police officers after he jumped on stage at the end of the hot dog eating contest in New York's Coney Island on Sunday, July 4, 2010.

By **VERENA DOBNIK**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—A Japanese eating champion who sat out this year's Coney Island Fourth of July hot dog contest apparently couldn't resist the temptation to hotdog afterward.

Competitive eater Joey "Jaws" Chestnut gobbled his way to a fourth consecutive championship Sunday. But he was suddenly upstaged by the surprise appearance of his biggest rival—six-time champion Takeru Kobayashi, who did not compete but crashed the stage after Chestnut's

win and wrestled with police.

"Let him eat! Let him eat!" the crowd chanted as police handcuffed the world's No. 3 professional eater, dubbed "The Tsunami."

The 32-year-old Kobayashi did not eat this year because he refused to sign a contract with Major League Eating—the fast food equivalent of the NFL. On his Japanese-language blog, he said he wanted to be free to compete in contests sanctioned by other groups.

But a few days ago, he told Japan's Kyodo News: "I really want to compete in the event."

Kobayashi, wearing a black T-shirt that said "Free Kobi," mingled with the crowd watching the contest, standing inside a police-barricaded pen just under the stage. When the eating ended, he slipped up the stage stairs.

Then, several security officers appeared and tried to usher him off. He grabbed a metal police barricade with both hands, holding on tightly as the officers pulled at him. Finally, they dragged him down the stairs, with Kobayashi resisting vehemently.

He was under arrest Sunday afternoon, charged with resisting arrest, trespass and obstructing governmental administration.

"There's a contract dispute, so they weren't giving him his freedom," said Kobayashi's interpreter, Maggie James.

Minutes earlier, Chestnut downed 54 hot dogs in 10 minutes to win the annual Nathan's Famous International Hot Dog

Eating Contest, televised live on ESPN.

The runner-up was Tim "Eater X" Janus, with a total of 45. Patrick "Deep Dish" Bertoletti came in third with 37 dogs.

Chestnut was disappointed with his performance, despite claiming the bejeweled, mustard-yellow belt plus a \$20,000 purse. The 26-year-old from San Jose, Calif., was aiming for a record 70 dogs in 10 minutes, beating his own record of 68 last year.

"I was dehydrated going in," he told The Associated Press, explaining that he did not drink enough liquids the day before because he was striving for an emptier stomach.

After witnessing the drama involving Kobayashi, Chestnut said, "I feel bad for him."

Still, the Fourth on Coney Island paid tribute to two of America's biggest loves: hot dogs and competition.

The two pastimes merged by the Brooklyn boardwalk, with a crowd of thousands squeezed elbow-to-elbow on a sweltering afternoon, with temperatures around 90 degrees.

Eight-year-old Stephen Pearce found his own way of keeping cool—with ice cubes melting atop his head. "It feels good."

He said something else was "cool" as he watched Chestnut: "I could never eat that many hot dogs! It's gross," said the boy.

Americans enjoy 150 million hot dogs each July 4—enough to stretch

from D.C. to L.A. more than five times," said Janet "Queen of Wien" Riley, president of the National Hot Dog & Sausage Council.

Last year, Chestnut ate 68 dogs against Kobayashi's 64. That's about as many as the average American eats in a year—60, according to the council.

Coney Island is said to be the birthplace of fast food.

The first hot dog was sold here around 1870 by German butcher Charles Feltman. His competitive, Polish-born employee, Nathan Handwerker, opened his own business in 1916—Nathan's Famous, still the backdrop to the contest started here that year.

According to local lore, immigrants arguing about who was most patriotic settled their dispute by testing who could eat more franks. Irishman Jim Mullen won with 13.

After watching the stomach-churning feast, some of the tens of thousands of spectators could have used Pepto-Bismol—a new 2010 sponsor—before they joined the demolition-derby crowd of sticky bodies bumping their way through Surf Avenue.

The way Shea sees it, a hot dog-eating contest and America's biggest city were made for each other: "New York is a jewel built on the dream of greatness, and that same dream is driving every competitive eater."

And it wasn't over till the hot-dog "Tsunami" hit Coney Island—just not quite the way anyone expected.

Success or mess: Who is the real Lindsay Lohan?

By **SANDY COHEN**
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP)—There's the Lindsay Lohan we all know: the one with two drunken-driving arrests and repeat stints in rehab; the one in the tabloids, falling into a cactus and partying it up in Cannes when she should be in court; the one with a reputation so bad that reality TV star Tila Tequila once declared, "I must not be another Lindsay Lohan where I just flush everything I worked so hard for down the toilet for nothing."

Then there's another Lindsay: the one her mother defends as a normal young woman coming of age in Hollywood; the one her business partners in the fashion world describe as prompt, professional and focused as she prepares to launch a 280-piece collection; the one Robert Rodriguez cast in his upcoming movie "Machete";

and the one taking on a role her peers declined—that of porn legend Linda Lovelace in a film that has Hollywood abuzz.

So which one is the real Lindsay Lohan? And can the one who earned accolades as a young star and worked alongside Meryl Streep overcome her notorious persona?

The next chapter for each Lindsay has already begun. She's due in court Tuesday for a hearing to determine if she violated her probation on those drunk-driving charges—and faces jail time if she did.

But as soon as she's clear of her legal troubles, she can start work on "Inferno: A Linda Lovelace Story," a gritty, violent tale about porn, prostitution and domestic violence that stands to be the make-or-break role of Lohan's career.

Writer-director Matthew Wilder has total faith in his star,

despite ample criticism from his peers over his choice. Though some have said she won't make it through the monthlong shoot, he's confident she's game for long days on set and his script's emotionally challenging, sometimes shocking material. He says she's got the talent and the depth to embody Lovelace, a woman who claims she was forced into prostitution and porn by her violent husband and once made a bestiality film with a dog.

Casting Lohan, and having her promote her new role in Cannes—where she claimed her passport was stolen, causing her to miss a mandatory court date—helped secure financing for "Inferno," Wilder says. And he thinks her performance in his movie could turn Hollywood's tides in her favor.

"Just because right now there's all this negative (stuff) being spewed about her, there's

this core of worth, personally and creatively," he says of the 24-year-old actress. "When you put that out in front of people, that stands up."

Then there's her fashion brand, 6126. What began as a line of leggings has been reborn as a complete collection of sexy, sparkly pieces perfect for the club-hopping set. The first items are set to ship out at the end of the month to stores like Kitson and Neiman Marcus.

Lohan guided the design team, picked out all the fabrics and colors, and tried on hundreds of samples herself to get the look and fit just right.

She's also developing two handbag lines, and there are plans for shoes and cosmetics to follow as 6126 becomes "a complete lifestyle brand," says her business partner, Kristi Kaylor.

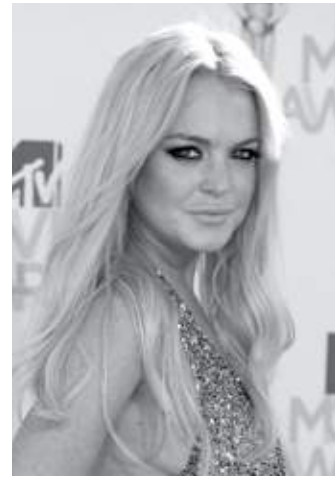
As far as Kaylor is concerned, Lohan is "a total pro." She knows the actress as a "genius designer"—responsive, engaged and serious about building a brand.

"She blows me away with her creativity," Kaylor says. "I wish people could see the side of Lindsay that we do."

The Lindsay she sees is as comfortable at marketing meetings as she is in the front row of a high-profile fashion show. She's on time to her appointments, quick to respond to e-mails and deeply involved in all aspects of her business. Kaylor sees her as a budding entrepreneur.

Richard Luna, who's been making purses for 25 years and is working with Lohan on her lines, describes her as "a very smart, sharp gal (with) a brand-development path that's going to last several years."

But if Lohan is so together,



AP

In this June 6, 2010 file photo, Lindsay Lohan arrives at the MTV Movie Awards in Universal City, Calif.

how come it often looks like she's falling apart?

The press picks on her, says Kaylor, who talks with Lohan almost daily. Lots of girls trip and fall while wearing high heels, she says. Lots of 20-somethings enjoy the Hollywood club scene.

Lohan doesn't seem too interested these days in having professionals help shape her public image. She's suspended her relationship with publicist Leslie Sloane Zelnick. And her manager, Jason Weinberg, ignored a reporter's repeated messages asking him to defend his client.

Instead, the actress prefers handling her own PR—140 characters at a time. Active on Twitter (often late at night), she defends herself against tabloid rumors and calls out those she thinks are trying to bring her down.

"Samantha Ronson spit in my face," she posted early one morning about her former girlfriend. "This is all because of a

FALSE accusation by tabloids & paparazzi," she wrote when her alcohol-monitoring anklet went off last month. "I was given the wrong call time—now I know on purpose...it was a set-up," she posted after apparently missing a photo shoot. "Thank goodness for Twitter," she writes. "The truth can be stated!!!"

Perez Hilton, who refers to the starlet as "Lindsayanity" and "LOLhan" on his popular celebrity blog, says the actress has lived such a drama-filled life—from a child star whose parents argued in the press to her own grown-up problems—that his readers just want to see what she'll do next.

"It's still interesting to see Lindsay misbehaving and acting like the same person she was in 2007," he says, adding that he has met her many times and finds her "likable."

He thinks the same readers who delight in her misbehavior are actually rooting for her to succeed.

Other young starlets who started down troubled roads have corrected course. Britney Spears, 28, seems to have overcome her problems, which were well documented in recent years. Drew Barrymore, now 35, was a child star who went to rehab as a teen, then forged a successful acting and producing career. Fergie of the Black Eyed Peas, now 35, overcame the drug problems she blames on her stint as a child star to become a successful singer.

Wilder, Lindsay's upcoming director, is sure she's bound for success. Her troubles are a passing fad, he says, and "three years from now, if you could fast-forward, it will be like, 'What was all that about?'"

Macy Gray almost sold out before making 'Sellout'

NEW YORK (AP)—Macy Gray tried—and failed—to get the hottest producers to work on her new album. But she says getting dissed by today's hitmakers actually made her CD better.

"My album would probably be real wack or something," she said, laughing.

After her last album, 2007's "Big," made a small impression and flopped, the singer wanted to work with trendy producers in hopes of duplicating the triple-platinum success she achieved with her 1999 debut.

"Oh, you name it, like, whoever was hot," Gray answered when asked who she had called, though she wouldn't be specific.

She said she reached out to those producers because "I thought, you know, maybe I don't know what I'm doing ... I started doubting myself."

When her calls went unreturned, Gray co-wrote each of the album's tracks while collaborating with producers Jared Lee Gosselin, Phillip White and Chase N. Cashe, among others.

Then she decided to call the disc "The Sellout."

"Once you become, like successful, then all these people come in with all their opinions,

telling you what you should do and what's cool and what's not, and who you should work with. And then suddenly your art isn't just yours anymore," Gray said.

"A lot of that can affect you as a person and as an artist, and so it's just about how I had to keep my head above all that," she continued.

The 42-year-old singer, who won a Grammy Award in 2000 for her debut song, the raspy pop tune "I Try," says she's learned that the record industry is completely ageist.

"For some reason the record industry thinks that only teenagers listen to music," she said.

"People who are 30, 40, 50 need to be musically inspired and motivated too. The industry's so geared to teenagers right now and writing something for the 20-year-old, but there's millions and millions of people that want their issues and the things they're thinking to be expressed. They want a song to sing along to," she said.

Gray says Susan Boyle's success last year showed that a void is waiting to be filled.

"She had the monopoly on it because there was nothing else out there," Gray said of the British breakout singer, who's album has sold more than 3.7 million units in the United States, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

Gray is the mother of three

children, ages 15, 14, and 12. She says her love for music is evident in all her kids, but her 14-year-old son has especially caught the music bug. He co-wrote a song on Gray's new CD called "That Man"; he also wrote

the music for the bonus track "Lost," originally meant for his upcoming mixtape.

"I ended up talking him into letting me have it," she said with a laugh.

Gray is shooting Tyler Perry's "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf." She says she's nervous because of her co-stars, which include Janet Jackson and Whoopi Goldberg.

"You want to bring your A-game. Like, you don't want to be the one in the movie that didn't do that good," she said.



Gray

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Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart
Fantasy • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

The third film in the Twilight series explores a love triangle between Bella (Kristen Stewart), Edward (Robert Pattinson), and Jacob (Taylor Lautner) as the werewolf pack and the Cullen clan join together to fight a new breed of vampires. Melissa Rosenberg provides the screenplay for the Summit Entertainment adaptation of Stephenie Meyer's best-selling novel, with director David Slade calling the shots behind the camera.



The Last Airbender
Fri through Sun 1:15 4:15 7:15 9:45
Mon through Thurs 1:15 4:15 7:15
Noah Ringer, Nicola Peltz
Adventure, Family • Rated PG

Synopsis

Suspense auteur M. Night Shyamalan takes a break from crafting original screenplays to tell this tale of a 12-year-old boy (Noah Ringer) who provides the last hope for restoring harmony to a land consumed by chaos. In a world balanced on the four nations of Water, Earth, Fire, and Air, people known as the Waterbenders, Earthbenders, Firebenders, and Airbenders have mastered their native elements.



Grown Ups
Fri through Sun 1:10 4:20 7:10 9:35
Mon through Thurs 1:10 4:20 7:10
Adam Sandler, Kevin James
Comedy • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

Thirty years after graduating from high school, five former basketball teammates gather at the lake house where they celebrated their biggest victory to mourn the passing of their late coach. Over the course of the Fourth of July weekend, the five friends realize that just because they've all grown up and started families doesn't mean that they've lost that old spark.



Toy Story 3
Fri through Sun 1:20 4:10 7:20 9:30
Mon through Thurs 1:20 4:10 7:20
Tom Hanks, Tim Allen
Fantasy, Children's, Family • Rated G

Synopsis

When the toys from Toy Story 2 are sent to a dump, they are rescued by Woody and the other toys who are sent to a dump. They must find a way to get back to their owners before it's too late.



Knight And Day
Fri through Sun 1:05 4:05 7:05 9:40
Mon through Thurs 1:05 4:05 7:05
Tom Cruise, Cameron Diaz
Action • Rated PG 13



The Karate Kid
Fri through Sun 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:50
Mon through Thurs 1:00 4:00 7:00
Jackie Chan, Jaden Smith
Drama • Rated PG



The A-Team
Fri through Sun 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:55
Mon through Thurs 1:25 4:25 7:25
Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper
Action • Rated PG 13

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'Twilight' falls sharply but makes it to \$161M

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" is waning at the box office but still has gotten off to a blockbuster start with \$161 million in its first five days, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The third chapter in Summit Entertainment's vampire romance fell off sharply after debuting last Wednesday with \$68.5 million. That was the second-best opening-day haul ever, behind its predecessor, last year's "The Twilight Saga: New Moon," which opened with \$72.7 million.

After that huge first day, "Eclipse" averaged about \$23 million daily over the next four days. That includes an estimate for a slow Sunday as people turned their attention to Fourth of July activities.

"Weather has a lot to do with

a Fourth of July opening. I'm not looking to make excuses, but between barbecues and fireworks, we have a lot of competition," said Richie Fay, head of distribution for Summit. "I do think people will come back to the movie."

Its total through Sunday came in well short of the \$200 million mark set last year by "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen," the record-holder for best five-day start for movies opening on Wednesday.

"Eclipse" easily held the No. 1 spot for the weekend, though its \$69 million Friday-to-Sunday total was only a fraction more than what the movie took in just on opening day. "New Moon" took in \$142.8 million in its first weekend last November, though the movie opened on Friday and the figure includes its record

opening-day gross.

Summit estimates "Eclipse" will climb to around \$181 million domestically by Monday. The movie also has added \$100.2 million in 42 overseas markets.

"Eclipse" has found a wider fan base than "New Moon," with a bigger percentage of males turning out for the latest installment. Female fans accounted for 80 percent of the audience on "New Moon" but only 65 percent of crowds for "Eclipse," Summit reported.

The latest adaptation of Stephenie Meyer's best-selling novels, "Eclipse" continues the love triangle involving a broody teen (Kristen Stewart), her vampire sweetheart (Robert Pattinson) and her werewolf pal (Taylor Lautner).

The weekend's other new

wide release, Paramount's "The Last Airbender," opened well with \$40.7 million to finish at No. 2 for the three-day weekend. The movie took in \$53.2 million since debuting Thursday.

"The Last Airbender" found a solid audience despite dreadful reviews from critics, who found the plot muddled and the dialogue stilted.

Disney's animated smash "Toy Story 3," which had been No. 1 the previous two weekends, slipped to third-place with \$30.2 million, raising its total to \$289 million.

"Toy Story 3" is about to pass last year's "Up" at \$293 million to become No. 2 on the chart of Pixar Animation's blockbusters. The Disney unit's top-grossing film is "Finding Nemo" at \$339.7 million.

What goes around keeps coming around in recycling

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: On May 13, "Diana in Lakewood, Calif.," asked you how to reuse or donate little jewelry boxes. You offered some great tips, but you should have let folks know about two terrific resources for giving away or recycling odd things.

Freecycle.org is an online network where people can give away or find free stuff in their local neighborhood. It is a great way to recycle items—like the jewelry boxes—to a local thrift store, a crafter or a teacher.

Earth911.com is also an amazing directory of local reuse and recycling options. I work at a thrift store for home improvements. (Instead of donating clothing or furniture, some people give us lumber, kitchen cabinets, hardware, etc.) Most people don't know that stores like ours exist. Reusing items from your neighbors wastes no energy and builds a sense of community. Abby, thanks for touching on this important topic.

RUTHIE M. IN EDMONSTON, MD.



Dear Abby

Dolly Parton is Miley Cyrus' 'fairy godmother'

PIGEON FORGE, Tennessee (AP)—If the superstardom Miley Cyrus has experienced by age 17 sounds like a fairy tale, maybe there's a good reason.

"I'm her fairy godmother," exclaimed Dolly Parton after they recently performed together at Dollywood.

Parton has known Miley since she was a baby. Her dad, Billy Ray Cyrus, met Parton in the early 1990s when he shot to fame with "Achy Breaky Heart." He credits Parton for inspiring his acting career and is thankful that she has been a role model for Miley.

"It's great that she has someone like Dolly to idolize, someone to look up to," said Billy Ray in a recent phone interview. "Having that type of influence in her life, it's so amazing and so special."

In late May, Miley, Billy Ray and Kenny Rogers joined Parton in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee,



Dolly Parton arrives for a taping of "The Late Show with David Letterman" in New York, Tuesday, June 29, 2010.

to shoot the hour-long TV special "Dolly Parton Celebrates 25 Years of Dollywood," which

airs Saturday on the Hallmark Channel.

The special is filled with

performances, glimpses of the theme park and unscripted moments between the stars, including a part where Parton and the Cyruses play guitar and talk in an attic. It also includes tributes from friends—Reba McEntire, Brad Paisley, Kenny Chesney, and others.

"There are a lot of wonderful things," she said. "It shows the park really great, and the audience and all the people that work here, so we've really covered it in every respect."

One highlight featured Parton and Miley turning the song "Jolene" into a spirited duet, with the two fighting over the same man.

"I was blown away when they did 'Jolene,'" Billy Ray said. "It was amazing, it was just a moment of going, 'Wow, listen to how great they sound together.'"

Parton said she considers Miley to be like one of her nieces or a little sister.

Former Miss California Prejean marries Raiders QB

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Former Miss California Carrie Prejean is now Mrs. Kyle Boller, after marrying the Oakland Raiders quarterback at a San Diego resort.

The San Diego Union Tri-

bune says the dethroned beauty queen and the 29-year-old quarterback tied the knot late Friday in a private ceremony at the Grand Del Mar.

Among the guests were Gateway computer founder Ted

Waitt, Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers and former Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Matt Nordgren.

The 23-year-old bride made headlines last year after making controversial remarks during

the Miss USA pageant that marriage should be between a man and a woman. Prejean eventually surrendered her crown after pageant officials accused her of missing events, an allegation she denied.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Family of Harry Potter actress charged for threats

LONDON (AP) — The father and brother of an actress who starred in the Harry Potter movies have been charged with threatening to kill her. The 22-year-old Afshan Azad is cast as Padma Patil, a classmate of the teenage wizard, in the movie series. Her father, 54-year-old Abdul Azad and elder brother, 28-year-old Ashraf, are alleged to have threatened her at her home in the northern English city of Manchester on May 21. Ashraf is also accused of assaulting his sister. Both men appeared at Manchester Mag-

istrates' Court to face charges on Tuesday. The case was adjourned until July 12.

Singer Carole King puts Idaho ranch back on market

STANLEY, Idaho (AP)—Songwriter and singer Carole King has put her 128-acre central Idaho ranch back on the market with a reduced asking price of \$16 million. The Robinson Bar Ranch compound near Stanley includes a 7,300-square-foot lodge, a private residence, a caretaker's home, a professional recording studio, guest cabins and horse barns. King put the ranch up for sale in 2006

for \$19 million. A listing agent says the ranch was taken off the market because of problems with a bridge on a U.S. Forest Service road that has since been repaired. King retains a condominium in the central Idaho resort town of Ketchum, where she is scheduled to perform with James Taylor on July 12 as part of their "Troubadour Reunion" tour. King's signature album is 1971's "Tapestry."

Swiss official: Polanski decision expected soon

GENEVA (AP)—Swiss officials say they will decide soon whether to extradite Roman Polanski to the U.S. to face pros-

ecution in a 1977 sex case. Justice Ministry spokesman Folco Galli says "It won't be long" before a decision on the extradition request. He declined to be more specific. The 76-year-old director fled the U.S. on Feb. 1, 1978, the day he was to be formally sentenced for having sex with a 13-year-old girl. He was arrested on Sept. 26 as he came to receive a lifetime achievement award at a Zurich film festival. He has been under house arrest at his chalet in the resort of Gstaad since December, when he was released on \$4.5 million (euro3.59 million) bail. Polanski would be allowed to appeal extradition.

DEAR ABBY: Diana should donate the boxes to Goodwill, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, preschools, Girl Scouts and Sunday schools—not the landfill!

ELSIE K., OAK RIDGE, TENN.

DEAR ABBY: Perfectly good items should never be tossed into a landfill. There is always someone who can use whatever it is as long as it's in good condition (and sometimes even when it's not). It should be the responsibility of the consumer to find that someone. While it may not be a legal responsibility, it is the right thing to do.

ROSIE W. IN DENVER

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LYNN IN CAMBRIDGE, ONTARIO

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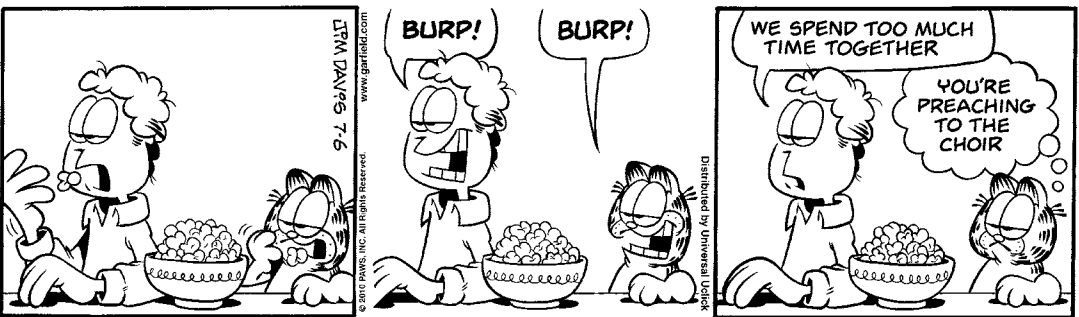
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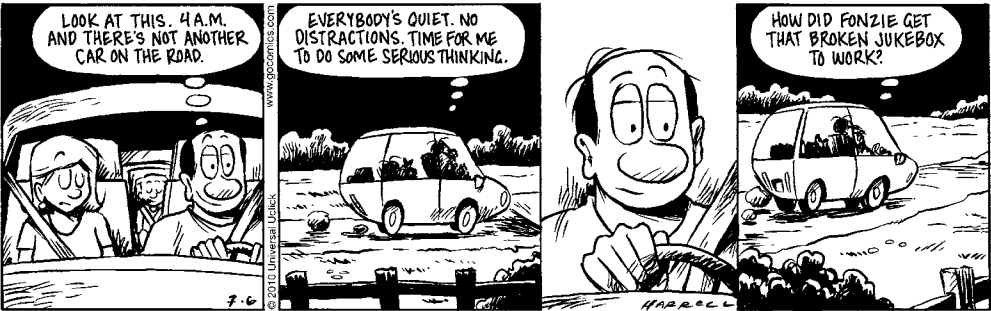
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Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

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- A. Preliminary Matters
 - 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Roll Call
 - 3. Adoption of Agenda
 - 4. Adoption of Minutes
 - 5. Communications
 - 6. Public Comments
- B. Reports
 - 1. Chairperson
 - 2. Secretary
 - 3. Treasurer
 - 4. Acting Administrator
 - 5. Committees
 - 6. Legal Counsel
- C. Permits/ Applications/ Rezones: review and decide.
 - 1. Conditional Use application #2010-1466, Star 1 Corp (Star ATV Tracking), lot 1673-1-6, Kannat Tabla area for Amusement, Outdoor.
 - 2. Conditional Use application #2010-1474 Triple J Saipan Inc. (Sandy Beach Homes) containing lots 008 H 26, 012 H 33, 012 H 34, 012 H 35 and 012 H 36, Chalan Kanoa Dist#4 area for Multifamily/ Apartments.
 - 3. Rezone application #2010-0841, TR 22796 H-422, Kagman; From Rural to Mixed Commercial zoning district; proposed use - Vehicle Repair, General.
- D. Old Business.
 - 1. Update on Zoning Office Operations (Permit Processing, Enforcement, Junk Car Program)
- E. New Business.
 - 1. None
- F. Executive (Closed) Session
- G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

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Rose holds on to win at Aronimink

NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa. (AP)—Clinging to a one-shot lead, Justin Rose stood over his tee shot on the 18th hole at the AT&T National when he heard fireworks in the distance. The celebration had started somewhere in Philadelphia, just not Aronimink.

Rose knew that from experience.

Only a week ago in the Travelers Championship, he took a three-shot lead into the final round and collapsed on the back nine for a 75. On Sunday at Aronimink, he was five shots clear going to the back nine and found himself in a battle he didn't expect.

He lost another big lead. This time, he didn't lose the tournament.

Rose hit every green in regulation on the back nine, including the final one, and closed with seven straight pars for an even-par 70 to win for the second time in three starts on the PGA Tour.

The relief at the Memorial came from winning for the first time in America.

The relief at Aronimink was for learning not to lose.

"I knew having not closed out last week it was important for me—just for myself—to do it today," Rose said after his one-shot victory over hard-charging Ryan Moore. "Still, it's never easy to close these things out, I'll tell you."

He sure made it hard on himself.

Staked to a five-shot lead at the turn after a 5-wood to tap-in range for eagle on the ninth hole, Rose had three-putt bogeys on the 10th and 11th holes—after having gone 274 holes without one on the PGA Tour—and just like that, the game was on.

Moore one-putted his last eight greens, including a 12-foot par putt on the 18th hole, for a Sunday-best 65 to make Rose work to the very end. Rose two-putted up a dangerous ridge on the tough 17th for par. And with the Fourth of July fireworks booming in the dis-

tance, he hit the fairway and green for one last par.

"I knew level par would get the job today," Rose said. "Every two-putt felt like hard work coming in, I've got to tell you. It was good fun. I felt very much in control of my emotions, and it's been a long week. But I'm very glad we've got to this point with a win."

Tiger Woods wasn't close at all. The defending champion shot a 1-over 71, marking the first time in 11 years that he didn't break par over four rounds in a regular PGA Tour event. He wound up 14 shots behind Rose, the most Woods has finished out of the lead since the 2006 Players Championship.

Moore thought he had a chance when he started the final round six shots behind, mainly because of major conditions at Aronimink.

"Justin played really good, solid golf today," Moore said. "He won the golf tournament. I did everything I could to make him think about it, and he played better at the end."

The consolation prize for Moore, who finished second, was a trip to St. Andrews for the British Open.

Rose earned a spot in the British Open through a special money list, along with Travelers winner Bubba Watson, who did not play this week. Another spot was available for the leading player not already eligible among the top five at the AT&T National. Moore wound up winning that little battle over Jeff Overton, who shot 67 to finish third; and Charlie Wi, who shot 69 to finish fourth.

All of them were chasing Rose and that silver trophy with a Liberty Bell.

It didn't appear to be much of a tournament when Rose hit a fairway metal from 264 yards up the hill on the par-5 ninth, onto the green and to tap-in range for an eagle, giving him a five-shot lead.



Justin Rose, of England, poses with the trophy after winning the AT&T National golf tournament at the Aronimink Golf Club, Sunday, July 4, 2010, in Newtown Square, Pa.

But when he walked off the 11th green, his lead already had been trimmed to two.

From 35 feet below a ridge on the 10th, Rose left it 7 feet short and three-putted for bogey. From 45 feet below a

ridge on the 11th hole, he overcompensated and hammered his putt some 10 feet by, missing that par putt, too.

Rose collected himself, walking slowly to the tee. He hit every green the rest of the way.

When he won the Memorial a month ago by coming from behind, the U.S. Open exemption deadlines had already passed and Rose failed to qualify for Pebble Beach the next day. He felt as if he played a U.S. Open this week on a course that was firm, fast and demanding.

"This was my U.S. Open the way the course was set up," Rose said.

He finished the AT&T National at 10-under 270 and earned \$1,116,000, moving up to No. 2 in the FedEx Cup standings behind Ernie Els. Rose also will crack the top 20 in the world ranking, likely going to No. 16.

Woods left Aronimink in good spirits, despite his tie for 46th. It was the first time he finished a regular PGA Tour event out of the top 40 since he tied for 53rd in The Players Championship five years ago.

Even so, he hardly sounded worried. Woods hit the ball off the tee better than he has all year. He hit his irons decently enough, but his putting was simply atrocious. Woods took 120 putts for the tournament.

"It does feel good to hit the ball as well as I did this week," he said. "I just need to get my putter organized a little better and really work on my putter over there."

It was almost like two tournaments Sunday.

The gallery showed up in thousands to watch the world's No. 1 player, even if he doesn't look like one at the moment. About the time Woods tapped in for his 71, thousands headed for the parking lot. Rose played before a moderate-sized crowd, but he had enough to worry about inside the ropes.

And he managed just fine.

NBA's free agent fireworks could come next week



NEW YORK (AP)—From Cleveland to Chicago, South Florida to the New York area, it was a mostly quiet Fourth of July in the NBA.

The real fireworks will apparently start this week.

With LeBron James and other big names taking time to ponder their futures, the free-agent market was in many ways on hold for the holiday—though Joe Johnson did agree to a maximum contract to stay in Atlanta.

Once the others reach their conclusions, things will start to heat up again.

"I'm sure everyone is ready to get a decision going," Dwyane Wade told Chicago's NBC-Channel 5.

Wade said he planned to use the weekend to think after meeting twice with the Bulls, plus getting visits from the Knicks and Nets. The Heat said Wade was expected back in Miami early Monday morning, and a fan rally was planned for his arrival. Wade is expected to headline a basketball camp in South Florida starting Tuesday as well, plus meet with Heat president Pat Riley and owner Micky Arison at some point in the coming days.

James was expected to spend the holiday relaxing at his Bath, Ohio, home with family and friends. It was a chance to catch his breath after a whirlwind three days during which six teams gave him reasons why he should continue his career wearing a new No. 6 jersey in their colors.

The Knicks talked to representatives for James for the second time on Saturday in Ohio, according to a person with knowledge of the meeting who spoke Sunday night on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation. Senior vice president Glen Grunwald and MSG Sports president Scott O'Neil represented the team, and James did not attend the chat.

Knicks president Donnie Walsh told ESPN.com the team wanted to provide more information about the franchise's salary-cap situation for this year and 2011.

The New York Daily News was the first to report Saturday's meeting.

Messages were left seeking comment from James' agent, Leon Rose, and his manager, Maverick Carter.

Not surprisingly, the Cavaliers' pitch focused on his allegiance and loyalty to home, and included a video

presentation that included highlights from James' seven seasons in Cleveland and testimonials from fans asking him to stay in Northeast Ohio. The team posted a portion of the video on its website on Sunday.

Beyond his decision, James has a busy week ahead. He is hosting a Nike camp at the University of Akron, where he recently accepted his second straight MVP award and was honored by the city with a day of appreciation in an outdoor event at the school's football stadium.

It's possible James could announce his decision in his hometown during or following the camp, which will feature some of the nation's top high school players.

Besides the Cavs, the other teams anticipating word from James are Chicago, Miami, New Jersey, New York and the Los Angeles Clippers. Some of them spent the past two seasons clearing around \$30 million of salary cap space so they could afford to sign James and another marquee free agent.

Now they're asking him to walk away from \$30 million, roughly the difference between a six-year deal to stay in Cleveland and the five-

year contract the competitors can offer him under the collective bargaining agreement.

The messages on lebronjames.com are simple: "Getting closer" and "You'll be the first to know."

The teams aren't the only ones waiting.

Players such as Stoudemire and Carlos Boozer, who in some years might be the best free agents available, are in a holding pattern while James, Wade and Chris Bosh, considered the head of the class, come to their decisions.

"My guys are simply taking a step back and evaluating all of the info that they received over the past few days," Henry Thomas, the agent for Wade and Bosh, wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

Stoudemire arrived in New York on Saturday and was scheduled to meet with the Knicks on Monday. They've discussed a deal that would pay the All-Star power forward nearly \$100 million over five years to reunite with former Phoenix coach Mike D'Antoni, but the Knicks may be hesitant to finalize things since they believe they're still in the running for the top three.

There has been some action since

this highly awaited free agency period opened on Thursday. Paul Pierce and Dirk Nowitzki are staying right where they were expected to, agreeing to multiyear deals to remain in Boston and Dallas, respectively.

But the focus remains on the guys who haven't signed—just as it's been for nearly four years. James, Wade and Bosh designed contracts in 2006 that gave them the option to become free agents this summer, creating more hype for their courtship than some real sporting events could ever dream of.

There have been daily updates from the streets of Cleveland, where James hosted his suitors. Cameras have followed around Wade and Bosh, who have taken to Twitter to update fans of their free agency pursuits.

After all that buildup, the end is finally in sight.

"It's been a little bit more than we expected I believe," Wade said in the TV interview. "We knew a couple of years ago when we signed these deals it would be something totally different, that the free agency world or the sports world haven't seen when you've got these kind of players up at the same time."

"We've enjoyed it, but at the same time we're ready to hopefully get to a decision real soon and get this behind."

Longoria fires Rays over Twins



MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Evan Longoria had three hits and three RBIs to power the Tampa Bay Rays to a 7-4 win over the Minnesota Twins in Sunday's American League action.

Longoria's two-run single highlighted a five-run seventh inning for the Rays, who won their first series in nearly a month.

Yankees 7, Blue Jays 6, 10 innings

In New York, pinch-hitter Marcus Thames had a game-ending single in the bottom of the 10th inning to give New York victory over Toronto despite having three runners thrown out at home plate.

Robinson Cano walked and was sacrificed to second before Brett Gardner also walked. Thames, activated off the disabled list earlier in the day, then delivered the winner off David Purcey (0-2).

White Sox 5, Rangers 3

In Arlington, Texas, Alexei Ramirez hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the sixth inning to lead Chicago over Texas.

Chicago's Paul Konerko and Carlos Quentin hit back-to-back doubles in the sixth to tie it at 3-3. Two outs later, Ramirez lined a homer off Texas starter Scott Feldman (5-8).

Angels 11, Royals 0

In Anaheim, California, Torii Hunter celebrated his fourth career All-Star selection with two homers and tied a career high with seven RBIs to lead Los Angeles to a rout of Kansas City.

L.A.'s Joel Pineiro (9-6) won his sixth straight start with seven solid innings, and Paul McNulty added a two-run homer in his Angels debut.

Mariners 8, Tigers 1

In Detroit, Russell Branyan and Casey Kotchman each hit a three-run homer to power Seattle to victory over Detroit.

Seattle's All-Star Cliff Lee fell an inning short of becoming the first pitcher in two years to throw four straight com-

plete games. He allowed only one run and one walk in eight innings.

Orioles 6, Red Sox 1

In Boston, Brian Matusz pitched seven shutout innings as Baltimore picked up a rare win at Boston.

Matusz (3-9) stunk out seven in earning his first win since April. He had lost his past nine decisions.

Athletics 3, Indians 1

In Cleveland, Vin Mazzaro pitched into the eighth inning for Oakland, upstaging Cleveland All-Star Fausto Carmona.

Mazzaro (4-2) allowed just one run in 7 1-3 innings. He tied the longest outing of his career set in June 2009 against Baltimore.

Marlins 3, Braves 2

In Atlanta, Dan Uggla homered and drove in all three Florida runs as the Marlins edged the Atlanta Braves.

Florida starter Ricky Nolasco (8-6) set a season high with 11 strikeouts, pitching seven innings and allowing two runs with only one walk. Leo Nunez pitched a perfect ninth for his 17th save.

Rockies 4, Giants 3, 15 innings

In Denver, Colorado blew a three-run lead in the eighth inning, then watched Todd Helton rescue them with a bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the 15th that defeated San Francisco.

Dexter Fowler led off the inning with a triple off the wall. Guillermo Mota (0-3) intentionally walked Jonathan Herrera and Carlos Gonzalez, and Helton drove the first pitch he saw to left field, allowing Fowler to score easily.

Reds 14, Cubs 3

In Chicago, Drew Stubbs hit three of Cincinnati's season-high seven home runs to lead the Reds to a romp over Chicago.

The Reds had four of the homers during an eight-run seventh inning, all coming after Cubs starter Ted Lilly



Tampa Bay Rays' Evan Longoria follows through on a two-RBI single off Minnesota Twins' starting pitcher Nick Blackburn during the seventh inning of a baseball game, Sunday July 4, 2010 in Minneapolis.

(3-7) retired the first two batters. Brandon Phillips began the barrage with a solo shot to left, and Jonny Gomes added a two-run homer. Jeff Stevens then surrendered a solo home run to Corky

Miller, and after back-to-back walks, Stubbs went deep for the second time.

Cardinals 7, Brewers 1

In St. Louis, Adam Wainwright pitched

a complete game and hit a three-run double off Yovani Gallardo, as St. Louis coasted to an easy win over Milwaukee.

Wainwright—like Gallardo a first-time All-Star this season—got a double that was the big hit in a five-run third as the Cardinals capitalized on consecutive fielding errors by shortstop Alcides Escobar.

Mets 9, Nationals 5

In Washington, Jason Bay drove in four runs as New York downed Washington.

Angel Pagan drove in two more and All-Star third baseman David Wright added two hits and scored two runs for the Mets.

Ike Davis added a two-run homer in the third inning to make a winner of New York starter Hisanori Takahashi (7-3), who allowed a three-run homer to Ryan Zimmerman but was otherwise stingy on the mound.

Padres 3, Astros 2

In San Diego, Tony Gwynn Jr. hit a bases-loaded single with one out in the ninth inning as San Diego edged struggling Houston.

It was the Padres' 11th win in their final at-bat at home and their third straight.

Dodgers 3, Diamondbacks 1

In Phoenix, Matt Kemp hit a two-run homer off reliever Aaron Heilman in the eighth inning, lifting Los Angeles over Arizona.

Respective starters Chad Billingsley and Dan Haren each allowed one run. Billingsley left after six innings, and Haren after seven. That left it up to the bullpen, and it was no contest.

Pirates 8, Phillies 5

In Pittsburgh, Garrett Jones and Delwyn Young drove in two runs each during a six-run seventh inning as last-placed Pittsburgh beat Philadelphia.

Pirates rookie Pedro Alvarez started the rally with his second homer in as many games, making a loser of Jose Contreras (3-3).

Armstrong avoids trouble; Petacchi wins 1st stage

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)—Lance Armstrong saw it coming: tight turns, narrow roads, big crowds and nervous riders would make crashes likely in Sunday's first stage at the Tour de France.

He sure was right.

The seven-time Tour champion emerged unscathed after at least six crashes bedeviled the sun-baked stage through Dutch and Belgian flatlands that was won by Alessandro Petacchi of Italy, who avoided a big pileup in the final straightaway.

Race leader Fabian Cancellara tumbled to the asphalt and defending champion Alberto Contador scraped a leg against another bike after he hit his brakes in the logjam that blocked the road. Neither was seriously hurt.

The 139-mile course from Rotterdam, Netherlands, to Brussels, started out with three mid-stage crashes, one caused by a dog that darted into the pack, and finished with another three in the last two miles.

"Total mayhem," Armstrong said.

Even so, the overall standings didn't change. Tony Martin of Germany remained 10 seconds behind Cancellara, who won Saturday's prologue. Britain's David Millar was third, 20 seconds off the Swiss rider. Armstrong trailed another 2 seconds back and Contador was sixth, 5 seconds behind his American rival.

"Typical first stage: Everybody wants to be in the front, everybody nervous for crashes," Armstrong said, noting that a huge fan turnout on the roadsides was both good and bad. "Millions and millions on the road, it's a blessing and a curse. It's so great to have so many supporters," he said. "It (also) makes the guys super nervous."

"And on these tight roads, with bad surfaces and a lot of turns, there shouldn't be any surprise that there are crashes there."

Two of Armstrong's best support riders on Team RadioShack—fellow American Levi Leipheimer and Andreas Kloeber of Germany—were among 12 riders who suffered cuts and bruises in the spills, according to the race doctor.

Adam Hansen of HTC-Columbia fell in an early crash. The Australian was getting X-rays for a suspected broken collarbone, the race doctor and his team said.

Top sprinters such as Britain's Mark Cavendish, who won six Tour stages last year, and Oscar Freire of Spain, crashed while negotiating a sharp turn in the last few miles. They returned to the race but were out of contention for the stage victory.

With those big names out of the picture, it appeared American sprinter Tyler Farrar might have an easy win. But in the last 200 yards he got bumped from behind, his bike was

damaged and he had to walk it across the finish line.

"It's a shame because everything had gone so well and the team worked so hard for me," Farrar said. "But, that's sprinting."

Millar and Giro d'Italia winner Ivan Basso crashed after a dog darted into the pack around the 35-mile mark. Both returned to the race after sustaining scrapes and bruises.

Petacchi clocked 5 hours, 9 minutes, 38 seconds for the victory, screaming and thrusting his index fingers skyward as he crossed the finish. The 36-year-old Italian is riding his first Tour since 2004—the year after he collected four stage victories. Mark Renshaw of Australia placed second and Norway's Thor Hushovd was third.

Armstrong crossed in 55th place, Contador was 44th and Cancellara trailed in 130th. They received the same time as Petacchi under race rules that award riders in the pack the same time if a crash takes place in the main

group within the last two miles.

Over the years, Armstrong has made it a priority to avoid trouble in the often-flat early Tour stages. But this year's a bit different partly because of a treacherous run on cobblestones in Stage 3. Contenders will have to pedal hard—if cautiously—to keep from losing time in the overall title hunt there.

"It just shows how crazy it's going to be on Tuesday," the Texan said. "Same situation. Very small road. A lot of turns—the nerves, and the intensity, will be high."

In the meantime, riders get another long and flat run Monday, with a 125-mile jaunt from Brussels to Spa.

Armstrong, who is gunning for a record eighth Tour victory, said that his razor-thin lead ahead of pre-race favorite Contador is inconsequential at this point.

"Five seconds in the scope of three weeks is terribly nothing," he said when asked whether his lead gives him a psychological edge over the Spaniard. "I don't want to instill the rivalry any more than it already is."



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chest with his left hand, and added: “That’s something special for me.”

In 2009, his 31-match French Open winning streak ended, he missed Wimbledon, went more than eight months without a title anywhere, lost the No. 1 ranking, and, hardest of all, dealt with his parents’ separation.

This year, he is 47-5 with five titles, both tour highs. He won 24 matches in a row in one stretch, regained his Roland Garros title and the No. 1 ranking last month, and managed the tricky transition from clay to grass by winning the French Open and Wimbledon in the same year for the second time.

There is no doubt he’s the best player in tennis today.

“He’s showing in the last few months,” Berdych said, “that he’s really the champion.”

Nadal won his 14th match in a row at Wimbledon, essentially, because he saved all four break points he faced and broke the big-serving Berdych four times.

“The biggest difference between us,” Berdych explained, “was that when he (got) a chance, he just took it.”

Give Nadal the tiniest opening, and the left-hander barges through. It’s no accident he has a silhouette of a bull’s horns stamped on the back of his left sneaker’s heel (the right one reads, “Rafa”).

Still, Nadal acknowledged being “a little bit more ner-

vous than usual” before facing Berdych. Asked why, Nadal said simply: “If you are not nervous in the final of Wimbledon, you are not human.”

This was the first men’s final since 2002 at the All England Club that did not involve Roger Federer, the six-time champion upset by Berdych in the quarterfinals. The past three title matches went five sets: Federer beat Nadal in 2007, Nadal edged Federer 9-7 in 2008 in fading light, and Federer got past Andy Roddick 16-14 last year.

Unlike those, Sunday’s contest was hardly a classic. More like a coronation—or, at the very least, confirmation that Nadal is elbowing his way into any conversation about the best players in tennis history. His eight titles at major tournaments pushes him past John McEnroe and ties Nadal with quite a heady group that includes Andre Agassi, Jimmy Connors and Ivan Lendl.

“I’m very proud to be alongside those great players,” Nadal said. “My career is much better than I could have imagined when I began playing.”

That wasn’t very long ago: Nadal is only 24.

“He was really strong today,” said Berdych, who never got past the Wimbledon quarterfinals before and played his first Grand Slam final against a man who was in his 10th, winning the last five.

This one lasted barely more than two hours. Imagine how short the proceedings might have been if Nadal had brought his “A” game, because he was

not at his very best Sunday. Perhaps affected by the constant breeze or those jitters he mentioned, Nadal finished with more unforced errors than Berdych, 21-17, and only two more winners, 29-27.

“His game was not unbelievable,” said Nadal’s uncle and coach, Toni, “but it was enough.”

This rout came a day after Serena Williams won a straight-set women’s final. Neither title match offered much in the way of intrigue, making this that rare Grand Slam tournament likely to be remembered mainly for its earlier happenings - particularly, of course, the 11-hour, 5-minute match that American John Isner won, 70-68, in the fifth set.

Only a few puffs of clouds dotted an otherwise azure sky Sunday, an appropriate setting given that no singles matches were interrupted by rain throughout the first completely dry fortnight since 1995.

That might have helped keep the footing clean for Nadal, who moves so well and goes from defense to offense faster than his stunned opponents can say, “How’d he get to that?!” After one point, Berdych looked up at his coach with his hands on his hips, then kicked the turf.

Then there’s Nadal’s uppercut of a forehand, announced with an “Uhhh!” from deep in his gut and finished with a flourish, his racket dangling above his head. Nadal’s underrated backhand is pretty good, too, and he can generate power on that side because he hits it

with both fists. (He’s naturally a righty, and he used that hand to sign autographs for fans Sunday afternoon, his latest trophy tucked under his bulging left biceps.)

By the third game, Nadal was getting the measure of Berdych’s serve, returning one that clocked 134 mph. By the seventh game, Nadal edged ahead.

Serving at 3-all, Berdych missed first serves on all but one point and sent a forehand wide, then a backhand long to make it love-30. On the next point, as he so often does, Nadal sprinted from an out-of-position place to reach a good approach shot by Berdych and whip a forehand passing winner.

Nadal punched the air. Two points later, he hit a backhand return that Berdych barely touched, making it 4-3. After holding, Nadal broke again to end the set, part of a run of five straight games that shifted the balance irrevocably.

The second set began with a 10-minute game as Berdych essentially made his last stand. The first Czech man in a Wimbledon final since Ivan Lendl in 1987 had three break points, but Nadal saved them all, with a forehand winner, a service winner and a forehand that forced a miscue by Berdych.

The next break point was for Nadal at 6-5, and the second set ended when Berdych missed a forehand. By then, the outcome was a foregone conclusion, because Berdych never figured out how to stem Nadal’s aggression.

“I don’t know if you can say (there are) weaker parts of him. (There’s) not many of them,” said Berdych, who pulled out of the Czech Republic’s Davis Cup quarterfinal at Chile, citing an injured abdominal muscle. He didn’t speak about the problem during Wimbledon, nor did he appear to be troubled while beating Federer and No. 3 Novak Djokovic.

Nadal earlier said he wouldn’t be part of Spain’s Davis Cup team against France, because he needs to get treatment for his right knee, which flared up during consecutive, come-from-behind five-set wins in the second and third rounds.

Nadal earned the nickname “King of Clay” by virtue of a record 81-match winning streak on that surface and five French Open titles. But that’s clearly too narrowly focused: The guy has twice won Wimbledon, along with the 2009 Australian Open on hard courts.

Now, to complete a career Grand Slam, Nadal needs to add the U.S. Open, where he lost in the semifinals each of the last two years.

Asked to look ahead to New York, where play begins in late August, Nadal smiled and said: “Right now, I’m very happy to win Wimbledon. We’re going to think about the U.S. Open in one month.”

First things first.

He’s busy making plans away from the tennis court.

“Enjoy the beach, fishing, golf, friends, party, and Mallorca,” he said.

LA Country tournaments, and two Bridgestone TOC. His penultimate Desert Series is set for Aug. 9 and 10 at Open, while the last one will be played on Aug. 17 at Ivy Ranch.

The two LA County events are scheduled at Santa Anita (Aug. 18) and El Cariso (Aug. 20). The first Bridgestone TOC will run from Aug. 21 to 22 at Desert Series, while the last one will be played at Metro from Aug. 28 to 29.

First Game

Sparks 72 – T. Santos 16, Hossain 9, Jon. Norita 9, A. Santos 9, Camacho 7, Babauta 6, Manglona 4, J. Santos 4, Babauta 2, Joh. Norita 2.

Trinity 56– Ritual 21, Norita 14, Lose 8, Palacios 8, Dulfo 4, Cabrera 1.

Second Game

Elite 103 – Fital 30, Sablan 27, Norita 11, Iguel 11, Borja 9, Manibusan 9, Lizama 6.

McGraw Hill 67 – Villacrusis 25, Diaz 16, Cabrera 12, Villagomez 8, Hideo 2, Mae 2, Roland 2.

Third Game

Nationals 74 – Palacios 22, Barcinas 14 Lee 10, Mendiola 6, Naraja 6, Villacrusis 6, Iguel 4, Johnson 4, Chariton 2.

Mobil 67– Factor 27, De Guzman 10, Muleta 9, Rabauliman 9, Esdreton 5, Berline 2, Guiab 2.

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The tournament in Lakewood was played on July 2, giving Macaranas five days break before competing in his third Desert Series. Then from Chaparral, Macaranas will go to Rancho Mirage on July 12 for his fourth Desert Series.

The back-to-back Desert Series will serve as warm-ups for

Macaranas, as after the event in Rancho Mirage, he will be participating in the elite Junior World Championships. The world championship will run from July 13 to 15 at Rancho Bernardo in San Diego, California.

After his first world championship, Macaranas will take a week off before resuming his Summer Tour via the Yorba Linda Invitational, which will take place at Yorba Linda in Orange County on July 22 and 23.

Two LA County tournaments and also two Desert Series are in Macaranas’s calendar later this month before he sees action in his second and last world championship event this year.

On July 26, he will be playing in Mountain Meadows for the second LA County tournament and on July 27, he will go back to Indian Springs for his fifth Desert Series tournament.

Macaranas’ third LA County event will be played at Chester

Washington on July 27, while his sixth Desert Series is slated at Classic from July 29 to 30.

The CNMI junior golfer will then take five days rest while waiting for the U.S. Kids World Championships, which will be played from Aug. 5 to 7 at the Legacy in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

After his second world championship, Macaranas will complete his Summer Tour with two more Desert Series event, two

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lacked leadership in half court offensive situations.

Their ball handlers also allowed more turnovers than usual. Still they won the battle of the boards and found second chance opportunities.

Gus Palacios led the Nationals in scoring with 22 points and received some support from teammates, Dan Barcinas and James Lee with 14 and 10 points, respectively.

Leo Factor valiantly led his losing side with 27 points. He received help from teammates Jorge De Guzman, Marvin Rabauliman, and Pando Muleta who combined for 28 points.

The Nationals may have underestimated the Mobil squad coming into the match, but managed to recover in the last

quarter to finish them off. Mobil made a nice statement of its own to warn the National team that there is plenty of talent on island that can compete with the CNMI’s basketball representatives.

Sparks 72, Trinity 56

The Sparks knocked out team Trinity in the first game on Saturday and advanced to Tuesday’s wildcard elimination match.

Thomas Santos led the way for the Sparks with 16 points for the game. He received plenty of support from teammates Saj Hossain, Jonathan Norita, and Anthony Santos, who added nine points each.

Rocyl Ritual and Josh Norita led Trinity in scoring with 21 and nine points, respectively.

Trinity was short-handed and played with a nine-man roster, which may have been

a factor in the match.

Although Trinity played hard, the Sparks did not use any of their timeouts and eventually wore down Trinity as the game went on with multiple line changes.

Elite 103, McGraw Hill 67

In the Saturday’s second game, Team Elite blew out team McGraw Hill in, by far, the most one-sided contest of the day.

Kelvin Fital and Dave Sablan led the way for team Elite with 30 and 27 points, respectively. Notably, Fital knocked down an impressive seven three-pointers in the game and Sablan connected with three of his own from downtown.

Jerome Noria and Shaun Iguel each added 11 points, while Lionel Borja and Mel Manibusan each provided

nine points in support.

Pai Villacrusis and Jerry Diaz led team McGraw Hill in scoring with 25 and 16 points, respectively. The duo, however, could not find help from their teammates.

Team Elite is a very physical team and used their size and strength to muscle out majority of the rebounds and scored off a lot of second chance baskets.

Elite, also the younger team, took an early lead and never looked back as they wore down the veteran McGraw Hill squad.

At 6:30pm tonight, the Sparks and Team Elite will battle it out in a wildcard matchup where the winner will advance back into the winner’s bracket to face Mobil on Thursday.

For more information about the fundraising tourney, call James Lee at 989-8221.

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letics Federations Coaches Education and Certification System Level II Coaches Course (IAAF CECS Level II Coaches Course) that ran from June 14 to 27.

The course was held at the Ramsey Track and Field facility at the John F. Kennedy High School, in Tumon, Guam. It was administered by the IAAF in cooperation with the Regional Development Center of the Oceania Athletics Association as a service to all member federations.

“The course was conducted by former Athletics Australia head coach and IAAF Regional Development Center director, Fletcher McEwen, and John Nablo of the Federated States of Micronesia. It was very thorough. Days began and ended like normal working days filled with hour-long in-class lectures and outdoor practical tests pertaining to coaching athletics through general theory, planning, event specific theory, intro of events and practical coaching. There was never a dull moment because there was always something new to learn and practice. It reinforced everything I knew as an athlete and as a coach,” White said.

White added coaches were trained for effective work with youth and beginner athletes, club athletes and senior secondary school athlete. They were also taught to cover all event groups and emphasize the practical skills of coaching and provide a theoretical base, which is sufficient to allow coaches to continue learning, either through their own efforts or within the structure of the CECS.

“The course was fun. It was intense, but a lot fun. To say that I learned a lot is an understatement. The course helps to train a large number of coaches who can work with athletes in specific phases of the athlete development pathway. I got an upgrade all thanks to the supportive Northern Marianas Athletics board of directors, the Oceania Athletics Association, and the International Association of Athletics Federations,” he said.

Besides White, other participants of the course were Reedson Jonah, Marciano Waguk, and Larry Dakanno of FSM, Rotee Angita and Edison Metweja of the Marshall Islands, Russel Roman and Corrine Hideos of Palau, and Jay Antonio, Albert Juan III, Rudy Villegas, Jose Sumbang, and April Gerardo of Guam. Guam’s Geri Mandell audited the 14-day course after having been certified several years ago.

2010 Let's Go to Palau Rocball Tournament

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



The Slammers' Rodney Rosario goes for a kee against Turruk' Mak'tao during their championship game in the 2010 Let's Go to Palau Rocball Tournament at the Marianas High School Gymnasium. The Slammers swept the best-of-five championship.



Turruk' Mak'tao's Joemil Lisua goes for a block.



The Slammers' Typhoon Saito hits a kee.



The Slammers' J.R. Gechig elevates for a kee.



Turruk' Mak'tao's A.J. Aguilar returns to the Slammers.



Turruk' Mak'tao's Jordan Igisomar and Allen Calvo struggle to hit the ball.



The Slammers' John Nekaifes tosses the ball.



Turruk' Mak'tao's Ben Lisua leaps high for a spike.



Turruk' Mak'tao's Ben Lisua misses a hit.



Turruk' Mak'tao's Jordan Igisomar serves in the first set of Game 1.



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Spain's Rafael Nadal holds his trophy aloft after defeating Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic in the men's singles final at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, Sunday, July 4, 2010.

Nadal beats Berdych for 2nd Wimbledon

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WIMBLEDON, England (AP)—Rafael Nadal looked like a guy who absolutely couldn't wait to get out there, clutching his racket and hopping in place near the entrance to Centre Court before the Wimbledon final.

He jiggled his left leg, un-

able to sit still on the sideline. He even bopped around during the prematch coin toss. When it was finally time to start warming up, he zig-zagged to the baseline in a full sprint.

And when it ended, Nadal marked his victory with a celebratory somersault. That endless energy, and so many superb strokes, allowed the No. 2-seeded Nadal to outclass No. 12 Tomas Berdych



of the Czech Republic 6-3, 7-5, 6-4 Sunday for his second Wimbledon trophy and eighth Grand Slam title overall.

A year ago, sidelined by painful knees, 2008 Wimbledon champion Nadal was planted on his couch at home in Spain and watched the final on television, only the fifth man in the history of a tournament that dates to 1877 who

couldn't defend his championship because of injury.

"Now last year is past," Nadal told The Associated Press as he leaned back in the gray leather seat of a courtesy car ferrying him away from the All England Club on Sunday night. "I know what happened one year ago, and how difficult it was for me, how much I had to work to be back at my best level."

He paused, tapping his

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Busy summer schedule for Macaranas

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Five tournaments down, 15 to go for CNMI junior golfer R.J. Macaranas.

The 11-year-old golfer, who had first place finishes in two of his first five events, will compete in his sixth tournament of the summer via the Desert Series in Chaparral on July 7 (July 8 on Saipan). The event in Chaparral is the third event under Desert Series and the 11-year-old CNMI golfer is scheduled to appear in five more similar tournaments in the mainland.

Macaranas opened his Summer Tour in Indian Springs, competing in the first Desert Series (June 14 and 15) and carding a 3-over par 75 for a tie for first place.

From Indian Springs, the junior golfer went to Long Beach for the Crosby Memorial Championship where he grabbed solo first place, beat-



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R.J. Macaranas, seen here with a trophy won in last year's tournament, will have 15 more events lined up in his Summer Tour calendar.

ing 12 others.

Last week, Macaranas appeared in three tournaments—the LA County at La Mirada, the second Desert Series at Desert Horizons in Indian Wells and the Len Kenet at the Lakewood Country Club in Lakewood. Results of these tournaments were unavailable at press time.

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WALTER SUTHERLAND

The CNMI National Men's Basketball defeated team Mobil, 74-67, last Saturday at the Northern Marianas College Gymnasium.

Nationals remain undefeated

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The CNMI National Team remain undefeated in their tune-up fundraising tournament after outplaying Mobil in the waning moments of their game Saturday night at the Northern Marianas College.

The Nationals used their supreme fitness against a Mobil not used to the longer dimensions of the college gym to hack out a 74-67 decision in the third game of the weekend triple-header of the CNMI Men's Bas-

ketball Fundraiser Tournament.

Mobil actually came ready to play and almost upset the Nationals, but even though the latter were pounced on early, they mustered up enough energy to pull off a comeback late in the game to secure the victory.

Remarkably, the Nationals played sloppy defense and missed some layups and easy shots around the basket. Perhaps, they were giving some bench players extra time out on the court because they looked unorganized at times and

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White completes Level II athletics coaching course

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Northern Marianas Athletics' Gabriel White is now a certified Level II coach after completing a rigorous two-week course in Guam last month.

White left Saipan on June 13 and joined 12 coaches from Micronesia in attending the International Association of Ath-

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Northern Marianas Athletics' Gabriel White, third from left, participates in one of the practical sessions of the Level II coaching course conducted at the Ramsey Track and Field facility in Tumon, Guam last month.